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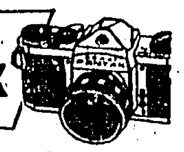
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Comment of the day

These foolish things

THIS has set us off on this tack. Tuesday of this week we received the astounding news that three Welsh couples claimed a new record for living for 24 hours 49 minutes. Yesterday we published the news picture of Maximale Willenskraft who is attempting, by going without food for a hundred days, to beat his own record of 87 days' fasting. We publish these things because they are news, but we imagine we share with most of our readers, a certain sense of bewilderment. Why do people do these things? For what does it mean, and who is impressed if, in the coming years, someone says, "I once danced for 24 hours without stopping" or another, "I once went without food for 100 days?"

We imagine that any future generation will greet the information much as we do when we turn over the cables which announce these items, with a "So what!" But somewhere in this wide world, such claims must mean something to some people, and no doubt these record holders bask in the ephemeral glory of laurel leaves, and then return to their ordinary duties of dull routine, somewhat enlivened by the fact that once, they merited the use of the world's news cables to announce their popinjay achievements.

But by exercising a little clarity of mind, is there more to it than meets the eye? For we are told that once Alexander the Great wept because there were no worlds left to conquer. He was mistaken, of course, but he was not to know that.

So perhaps even now, these foolish people, left without an Everest to scale, a North or South Pole to reach, an Africa no longer dark in the exploratory sense, are searching for new worlds to conquer.

Or perhaps it is the romantic urge of this prosaic age. For life, for many people, is deadly dull, and perhaps these contemporary triumphs are merely 20th century versions of the brave days of old.

But what happens to the trophies these record makers are awarded. Do they repose upon some suburban mantelpiece, or hold proud position on the dining room sideboard, suitably inscibed with the fact that William Brown and Mary Smith once danced themselves flatfooted to a day's fame on their local dance hall floor.

Ships in trouble as storms sweep oceans
WORLD-WIDE SEA DISASTERS

Tanker breaks its back in the Atlantic

Disaster overtook shipping in the last two days in areas ranging from Brazil to the Mediterranean and the Elbe River.

The American Pine Ridge tanker broke its back in the graveyard of Atlantic shipping—Cape Hatteras. Ships and aircraft rushed to the rescue.

An Italian freighter went down in an offshore storm in the Mediterranean.

In the Bay of Biscay 20 men lost their lives when the Spanish freighter Ellorio went aground at the height of a storm.

At least 30 people were drowned in northeast Brazil when a ferry capsized while carrying a bus.

An American freighter and a Swedish tanker collided in the Elbe estuary.

In the meantime an intensive search is being carried out between the Bahamas and Florida for a missing yacht.

U.S. TANKER

● **Stormy seas broke the back of an American tanker on Wednesday 100 miles east of Cape Hatteras—the storied graveyard of the Atlantic. Hours later, some of the 39-member crew floundered in the mountainous waves or clung to the vessel's upright stern section.**

Later, a Coast Guard plane said it counted 10 survivors aboard the stern section, which it reported was rolling heavily and drifting rapidly. The Coast Guard emphasised there could be more crewmen aboard than the 10 counted by the plane.

The plane also reported spotting five men, three of them in a life raft, floating in the heavy seas some two miles south-southwest of the bow section and drifting away. Two planes dropped life rafts and life jackets capable of accommodating more than 50 men.

A Coast Guard plane dropped three life rafts, signal gear and water to the imperilled crew, whose distress first was reported by a Norwegian tanker in the area.

The Norwegian ship, the Artemis, reported it was unable to attempt a rescue because of the raging seas. The tanker was told by the Coast Guard late in the day to remain on station in the area until other ships arrived.

Due shortly after the arrival of the Esso Jamestown were the steamship Ticonderoga, the Coast Guard cutter Andro Scoggin and the tanker Amoco Florida. Also on the way were the aircraft carrier Valley Forge and the Coast Guard cutters Cherokee and Chilula.

The Valley Forge, at first some 150 miles south-southwest of the area, originally planned to launch four planes to drop additional survival gear. Late in the afternoon, however, the plan was abandoned because of the foul weather.

At Philadelphia, the Keystone Shipping Co, owner of the Pine Ridge, identified the vessel's captain as Clark Snyder of Philadelphia. The firm said a crew list, signed aboard at the last port from a large group of eligible sailors, was customarily mailed but had not been received.

The pilot of the first U.S. Coast Guard plane to reach the Pine Ridge told how he and another pilot made a futile effort to lead the Artemis to five seamen thrown overboard when the ship broke in two.

Lieut Mel Hartman said on Wednesday night he flew low over the Artemis and led her within a mile of five men only to see her break away and stop three miles from the wreckage in heavy seas.

"The stern section was upright and appeared safe," he said. "The bow section looked as if it had capsized a few minutes before we arrived.

"I saw six men on the decks of the stern section and a huddle of others—perhaps 10—through a hatchway.

"There were four men in the water down near the bow section. One of them was in a life ring, another was holding onto it," Hartman said.

ITALIAN FREIGHTER

● **At Leghorn, Italy, it was reported that five men, including the captain, were killed when the 497-ton Italian coastal freighter Gioia sank during an offshore storm on Tuesday night.**

Four of the bodies were brought to Leghorn by the West German tanker Johan August Essberger, which carried out rescue operations. The body of the captain, Salvatore Ferrigno of Palermo was not recovered.

The port command said the Gioia sank 10 miles north of the island of Capraia when its cargo shifted.

SPANISH SHIP

● **The 8,500-ton Spanish cargo ship Ellorio went down in the Bay of Biscay with 20 men aboard yesterday, after being driven aground by a violent storm.**

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TRIED TO REVIVE MOTHER'S BODY WITH ELECTRICITY

London, Dec. 21.

After attending the funeral of his mother, a Birkenhead van driver returned to the cemetery the same night in a hired car and dug her up, the coroner was told at an inquest here today.

He then took his mother to an empty house, it was stated, and tried to revive her with electrical treatment.

The body was found in the house two months later.

At today's inquest the coroner, Mr J. Roberts said he was satisfied that the body was that of Mrs Emily Filer, 69, a widow, who died in hospital on October 18.

Sitting beside a police officer in the court was Raymond James Filer, 33, who was remanded in custody charged with removing a corpse from a grave.

According to an alleged statement submitted by the police, Filer said: "She was a good mother to me and I was doing my best for her."—Reuter.

Last minutes before Brooklyn tragedy

CONTROL TOWERS' TAPED TRANSCRIPTS

Washington, Dec. 21.

An unidentified object flashing across the radar screen gave watching air control officers at La Guardia Airport their first inkling of the disastrous mid-air collision which took 134 lives in New York last week.

The Federal Aviation Administration today made public transcripts of taped recordings of the last conversations which the control officials had with the pilots of the aircraft, a TWA Constellation and a United Airlines DC-8 jet.

Another point

At one point in the transcript occurred this statement by the La Guardia Control Tower: "I think we have trouble here with a TWA Connie—there's something wrong—he's not moving or anything. He might have got hit, by another aeroplane."

At another point there was this exchange between La Guardia, to which the TWA plane was bound, and Idlewild Airport, destination of the United airliner:

La Guardia: "Yeah, well what type aircraft is that?"

Idlewild: "A United DC-8."

La Guardia: "And what, and what's his altitude?"

Idlewild: "He was last cleared to 5,000 (feet)."

La Guardia: "Oh boy! Our man was at five, too. We lost one aircraft, I don't know where he's at now."

A little later, La Guardia came in with: "Hey, Joe, we might have a mid-air collision, so Walt's going up to alert the emergency equipment. It's TWA (flight) 260."

On your right

The transcript related the approach instructions given by La Guardia to the TWA plane and his acknowledgements.

The pilot reported his altitude as 5,500 feet and was told to continue his descent to 1,500 feet. He acknowledged that instruction and also the order to turn left on a new bearing.

Then the La Guardia Control Tower told him, obviously with reference to the radar screen: "Roger, that appears to be jet traffic off your right now, three o'clock at one mile northeast bound."

Then the transcript recorded an unidentified voice and it said: "Noise similar to that of an open microphone was heard for approximately six seconds duration."

After that repeated calls to the TWA plane went unanswered.

The transcript of the conversation with the United Airliner recorded the information from the pilot that he was approaching the Preston control point at 5,000 feet.

Idlewild instructed him to maintain 5,000 feet and gave him the weather report over the airport.

From then on the record showed that the United airliner did not answer repeated calls.

Reaction

Other portions of the transcript disclosed how air control officials reacted when they first suspected trouble and were trying to identify the planes involved.

At one point in the transcript, this dramatic exchange occurred (apparently after the planes had collided, and the United Airlines plane was crashing to its doom over crowded Flatbush-avenue in Brooklyn).

"This is La Guardia. I think we've got an emergency, nobody declared anything, but who is that jet or fast-moving aircraft that went from Preston (a control point) towards Flatbush (another checking point)?"

Idlewild answered: "Eh, a fast-moving aircraft, is going where? Do you know his destination?"

La Guardia: "I don't know, I think we may have. Now listen, listen to this. He may have hit one of our aircraft. We're not sure."

The unknown

Later, the La Guardia control officers told Idlewild: "All right, now we got trouble, but we're not sure of it. We lost contact with a TWA, 260, I believe his number is, he was on a collision course with an aircraft, an unknown aircraft heading northeast from Preston towards Flatbush. That aircraft now is a mile outside the La Guardia outer marker heading northeast bound."

Idlewild: "The unknown. You still have the unknown in radar contact?"

La Guardia: "No, we're not talking to the unknown but we see him, yes."—Reuter.

U.S. winter cold kills 41, but the sun shines in California

Chicago, Dec. 21.

This first day of winter found Californians basking in mid-80 degree Fahrenheit temperatures while in South Dakota the mercury dipped to 20 below zero.

A count showed at least 41 persons dead since autumn's last storm hit the midwest three days ago.

There were 15 weather deaths in Ohio, seven in both Florida and Illinois, four in Missouri, two each in Indiana, Michigan and North Dakota, and one each in Alabama and Pennsylvania.

The blustery, snowy cold spread from the eastern Rocky Mountains into the US northeast in the wake of a snowstorm which left foot-high falls in the midwest.

Sub-zero readings were reported from the northern plains into Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois.

It was 20 below zero at Huron, South Dakota, and minus 18 at Williston, North Dakota, in the pre-dawn hours.

The temperature soared to 80 degrees at Miramar, California, on Tuesday and the sunshine boosted the thermometer into the 80's again on Wednesday. The same pattern appeared in all southern California.

In upstate New York the snowfall continued on Wednesday with the new fall in the northern portion up to 8 inches and 5 inches in the Buffalo area. The speed limit on a large section of the State's throughway was reduced to 35 miles an hour because of road conditions. Most of Connecticut had rain.—AP & UPI.

New East-West trade deal may restore travel

Bonn, Dec. 21.

Far-reaching agreement has been reached in the almost completed negotiations in Berlin for a new East-West German trade pact, West German Foreign Ministry sources said here tonight.

The West German Government spokesman, Mr. Felix von Eckardt, said earlier today that an agreement might be concluded before Christmas.

Usually well-informed sources here said West Germany would make the implementation of a new agreement conditional on free access to Berlin and free movement between the city's western and eastern sectors.

The Bonn Government would cancel the agreement at once should the East German authorities hamper the free flow of goods traffic between West Germany and Berlin, the sources said.

East German officials remained silent today on the progress of the talks.—Reuter.

Country's fifth aircraft tragedy in six months
ANOTHER PAL CRASH IN PI, 28 KILLED

Manila, Dec. 22.

A Philippine Air Lines DC-3 passenger plane with 37 persons aboard crashed on take-off at Cebu City in the southern Philippines today.

The Airline announced that nine of the 37 persons aboard survived, correcting an earlier report of 8 survivors.

The plane crashed into a cornfield on a hill north of the city at 3.30 am and burst into flames. There was a loud explosion, according to eyewitnesses.

It was the second crash in 30 days in the Philippines and the fifth plane disaster in the Philippines within the last six months. A total 39 persons, including US Admiral Arthur Spring and his wife had died in plane crashes this year prior to today's reported PAL crash.

Schedule

The PAL airliner was on a regular scheduled 600-mile flight from Manila to Davao City on Mindanao. The plane had stopped in Cebu City.

PAL spokesman Mr Jose Cenceran would give no details of the crash.

On November 23, another PAL DC-3 crashed into Mount Baco, 120 miles south of Manila killing all 33 persons aboard.

Earlier this year, a North-West Orient airliner crashed off the coast of Luzon, killing one American woman passenger. That same day a PAL airliner ditched in the sea in the southern Philippines but there were no fatalities.

Admiral Spring, his wife, and three others died when his Navy plane crashed into a mountain on Bataan.—UPI & AP.

UNDERTAKERS OVERTAKEN BY DEATH

Greenville, Penn., Dec. 21.

Two undertakers died in rapid succession here and a third man was in hospital today suffering from shock after witnessing the scene.

Walter Clark, a 62-year-old retired undertaker, got out of his car when it broke down on a road near here. He died of a heart attack a few minutes later.

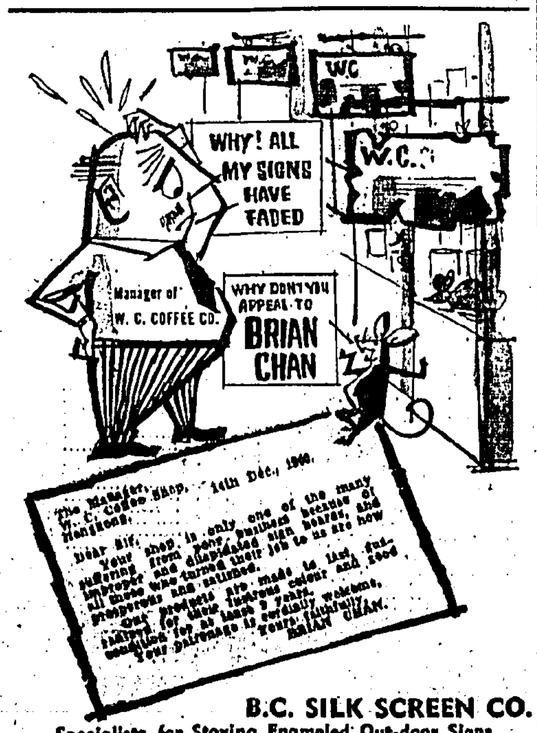
A neighbour John McDermott, 50, telephoned to the nearest funeral parlour.

The undertaker, 44-year-old Niles McConahey, arrived on the scene and went to telephone to the police about Clark's death. He died of a heart attack a few moments later.

McDermott overcome with shock as a result of the double tragedy had to be taken to hospital.—AFP.

VACCINE ARRIVES

Four cartoons of diphtheria vaccine which will be used to prevent a breakdown in the Hongkong inoculation programme arrived by Qantas this morning.



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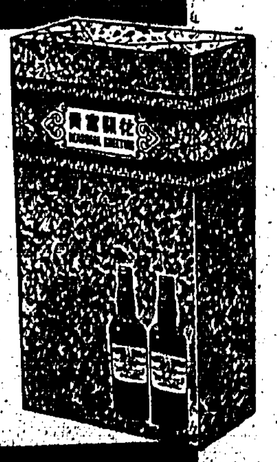

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MANY EXPECT A U.S. BUSINESS REVIVAL

By ALEXANDER THOMSON.

London, Dec. 21.

The American stockbroker sipped his scotch on rocks and said "I am beginning to feel a little more bullish."

I asked him to say that again for the industrial news we have been getting from the United States has hardly been cheerful.

The number of jobless there is now more than four million which represents 6.3 per cent of the working population.

As winter closes in, lay-offs are increasing. It is said that unemployment may be five million by the end of next month.

But obligingly my American stockbroker friend brushed all that aside. He explained:

"I expect to see an upturn in business next April or May.

"And as Wall Street is usually a good barometer of economic weather to come, it should start showing more definite signs of recovery after the New Year."

This coincides with the views of some of the Swiss bankers I spoke to in Zurich last week.

BUSINESS BOOST

They pin their hopes on the boost that Mr Kennedy has promised to put behind business after he moves into the White House on January 20.

It will take several months, of course, for the effect of his policies to be seen in the American economy.

But the stock markets here, there and everywhere else do not usually wait for the results. They anticipate them in advance.

As often as not they are a jump or two ahead of events we have seen in the London market this year.

In anticipation of this we may see some of the investment money that has left the United States tending to flow back again.

During 1960 it has done very well in Europe. But in Germany the share prices look high after their big rise.

In France they have not shot ahead to some extent but there are political uncertainties to take into account.

Italy, of course, has been a big sinner until the recent severe shake-out in Milan.

The market has staged a sharp recovery. But confidence must have been bruised.

That leaves only New York and London as the big international possibilities for funds that roam the world looking for profits. Britain is rightly wedded to a credit squeeze until her balance of payments is put right.

In America they have overseas payments problems too. But it is on capital as distinct from trading account.

So official policies in the United States are likely to be more favourable to Wall Street than Britain's will be to Throgmorton Street.

If I were Jack Kennedy I would certainly go all out for a business revival as soon as I had hung up my hat in the White House hall.

It is the best way to set about restoring confidence in the dollar and get scared money home.—London Express Service.

Japan-Soviet trade pact signed

Moscow, Dec. 21.

A $160 million trade agreement between Japan and the Soviet Union was signed today, Tass reported.

During 1961, the period covered by the pact, Russia will increase its sale to Japan of oil, timber, coal, textiles, raw materials, machinery, potash, salt and other goods, the Soviet news agency said.

Japan will send to the Soviet Union more tankers, diesel ships, dredgers, rolling stock and other goods including equipment for the chemical cellulose, paper, food and textile industries.

Tass said trade between the two countries this year was two and one-half times more than in 1959.—UPI.

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Wall Street shows general rise

New York, Dec. 21.

Stocks were mostly higher at the close today stimulated by soaring prices for American Telephone and a strong oil group.

A.T. and T. (American Telegraph and Telephone) which announced a rights offering to shareholders and plans for a dividend boost next year, jumped up nearly 7½ points to an all-time high before receding to close up around 6½. Jersey Standard rose a large 1½ among the oils most of which added a point or more.

Motors dropped nearly a point in Ford and Chrysler following a Commerce Department report that production next year might drop around 14 per cent. Electronics, defence issues and several popular specials also were cut down to make the gains far from unanimous.—UPI.

Closing prices

Abitibi Pwr. & Paper	$ 39¼
Algoma Steel Corp.	32⅜
Amer. & Forgn. Power	8½
Am. Natural Gas	60¼
Bank of Montreal	58½b
Bank of Nova Scotia	66½
Beech Life Savers	40⅛
B. C. Tel. Co.	45⅛
Bell Telephone	47⅝
British Amer. Oil	29⅛
British Columbia Elec.	41¼
Cana. Bk. of Comm.	57¼
Corning Glass Works	179¼
Creole Pet	29½
Diamond Alkali	50
Dominion Stores	63⅛
Ferro Corp.	44⅛
Ford Motor Co. of Cana.	139
Georgia Pacific	53⅛
Great Northern Railway	40⅛
Hayden Newport Corp.	23⅛
Hussman Refrig.	10⅛
Imperial Oil	39¾
Imperial Tobacco	13⅛
Lily Tulip	52
Lorillard P.	37
Noranda Mines Ltd.	40
Penn. Salt Co.	29
Pitney Bowes	38⅛
Portland Gen. Elec.	31⅛
Pullman	31⅛
Raytheon	35⅛
Royal Bank of Canada	70⅛
Schenley Inc.	22⅛
Southern Pacific Co.	19⅛
Steel Co. of Canada	68
Stone & Webster	53¾

—UPI.

LONDON CLOSES MIXED

London, Dec. 21.

Stocks closed mixed today on scant pre-holiday trading.

Many blue-chip industrials gave up earlier small gains but plus signs were prominent in secondary issues.

Gold stocks finished selectively higher. Copper shares were idle.

New York buying lent a firm tone to Royal Dutch and Shell and other oil leaders were quietly firm.

Gilt-edged securities ended easier. Dollar stocks closed mixed.—UPI.

Closing prices

British Government Securities
2½%, Consolidated—£44.
3½%, Conversion—£59½.
3%, Savings 1955/65—£89-15/16.
3%, Savings 1960/70—£70-9/16.
3%, Savings 1965/75—£71½.

Banks & Insurance
Barclays Ord—67s cdr.
Chartered Bank—47s.
Guardian Assurance—117s 3d.
Hongkong Bank—£72½.
Lloyds Bank—69s 9d.
Lombard Banking Ord—17s 4½d.
Union Insurance—£7¾.

Oil
Burmah Oil—38s 3d.
Royal Dutch—£11⅞.

Steels Engineering
Babcock & Wilcox Ord—33s 1½d.
United Steel—70s 3d.
Vickers Ord—28s 7½d.

Industrials
Assoc. Elec. Industries—40s 3d.
Assoc. Portland Cement—99s 1½d.
Boardman, Marden Ord—4s 6d.
British Motor Ord—15s 3d.
Coats (J. & P.) Ord—56s 0d.
Courtaulds Ord—43s 9d.
De La Rue Ord—58s 9d.
Dunlop Rubber Ord—21s 1½d.
Elec. & Mus. Industries—43s 3d.
Ford Motor Ord—142s 6d.
Gilman (Holdings) Ord—2s 10½d.
Hawker Siddeley Ord—29s 1½d.
Marks & Spencer "A" Ord—94s 3d.
Rediffusion Ord—36s 4½d.
Rolls-Royce—44s 3d.
Standard-Triumph—9s 10½d.
Unilever Ord—145s 6d.
Woolworth Ord—68s 10½d.

Mines
De Beers Def—165s 7½d.
Petaling Tin—7s 6d.

Miscellaneous
Bowmaker Ord—10s 0d.
Hongkong & China Gas—15s.
Indo-China Def. Ord—23s 1½d.
P. & O. Steam Nav. Def.—40s 10½d.

—Reuter.

Agreed merchant rates

Canadian $ Maximum Selling 17 5/32; Minimum Buying 17 13/32 T/T, 17 15/32 O/D.

West German Deutschemarks, Maximum Selling 72⅝.

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.69
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.94
Australian notes (per £1)	12.62
Indonesian Rupiah (per 100)	3.20
Siam ticals (per 100)	26.10
Singapore (Straits)	1.805

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $2,750,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank	1445	1450	130 @ 1450
			50 @ 1450
			20 @ 1450
Lombard Ins.		42¼	
Wharf Co.	260	270	250 @ 268
			250 @ 268
			100 @ 270
Waterboat	28.10		
Wheelock	9.60	9.70	6000 @ 9.65
			2000 @ 9.65
HK Dock	115	118	2000 @ 115
			600 @ 118
			200 @ 110
Provident	23.60	23.80	250 @ 23.80
			782 @ 23.80
			1200 @ 23.80
HK Hotel	41½	42	2000 @ 41¾
HK Land	74	74½	3743 @ 75
			500 @ 74½
			400 @ 74
			100 @ 74½
			100 @ 74½
Yaumati	115	110	850 @ 117
" Bonus	100	113	50 @ 111
" Rights		102	
HK Tram	33½	33¾	200 @ 34
			400 @ 33¾
			500 @ 33¾
Ch. Light	20½	20.60	1000 @ 20.60
			9800 @ 20.60
			1000 @ 20.60
Electric	29.60	29.70	500 @ 29.70
			3500 @ 29.60
			300 @ 29.70
			200 @ 29.60
			420 @ 29½
Telephone	38	38¼	500 @ 38¼
			200 @ 38¼
" New	30		
G.I. Cement	63	64	500 @ 64
			200 @ 64
Dairy Farm		33¼	200 @ 33¼
			100 @ 33¼
Watson	39		233 @ 37½
			132 @ 38½
			100 @ 39½
Allied Inv.	8.10	8.30	3000 @ 8.10
Textile	8.05	8.10	8500 @ 8.20
			2500 @ 8.15
			4000 @ 8.10
			18000 @ 8.05
			5000 @ 8.05
Nanyang XD	13.80	14	6500 @ 14
			333 @ 13.90
			932 @ 13.80
Amal. Rub.	5.60	5.65	1000 @ 5.65
			5000 @ 5.60
			5000 @ 5.65
			3100 @ 5.60
			5000 @ 5.60
Rub. Trust	7.05	7¼	
Taikoo Dock	70½	72	700 @ 72
			300 @ 72
			200 @ 71½
Realty	1.025	1.05	8000 @ 1.025
Star Ferry	182	186	100 @ 184
HK Gas	10.10	10.20	310 @ 10.20
			1100 @ 10.10
			3000 @ 10.20
			500 @ 13
Macao Elec	12.00		
Underwriters	11½	11.80	
Int'l Inv.	10.80	11	
HK & FE Inv.	15.20	15.60	
Gilman	2.475	2½	
Humphreys	25.30	25.60	
Cald. Macg.	69		
Entertain.	29½		
Vibro		25.00	

New York cotton market

New York, Dec. 21.

Cotton futures closed 40 cents a bale lower to 15 cents higher today.

Current crop deliveries sagged on light hedging and commission house liquidation. Offerings met scale down trade and New Orleans buying. Trading was mixed in new crop months.

Rainy conditions were reported over much of the cotton belt but dealers noted that most of the crop has been harvested, with rains likely to lower the grades of the residue of the crop still in the fields.—AP.

COMMODITY PRICES

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

LONDON

Closing rates:

New York	2.80¾-2.80⅞
Montreal	2.76-3/16-2.76-5/16
Amsterdam	10.58½-10.58¾
Brussels	139.40-139.45
Copenhagen	19.33½-19.33⅞
Frankfurt	11.71-11.71¼
Lisbon	80.20-80.30
Oslo	20.01-20.01½
Paris	13.78½-13.78⅞
Stockholm	14.50-14.50½
Milan	1743½-1743⅞
Vienna	72.90-73.01
Zurich	12.08¾-12.09

RUBBER

AMSTERDAM

Closing prices all in guilders per kilogram, c.i.f., Jan.

No. 1 rubber	2.48	buyers
No. 2 rubber	2.46	buyers
No. 3 rubber	2.42	buyers
No. 1 crepe	2.60	buyers

—UPI.

SUGAR

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.:

Contract No. 4 (world)

Jan.	2.84
Mar.	3.09
May	3.09
Sept.	3.04

Spot—(F.A.S. Cuba)	3.25

Total Sales: 30 contracts
Open interest: 1,500 contracts

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

Jan.	6.00
Mar.	5.85
Spot—(C.i.f. N.Y. ex-duty)	6.59

Total Sales: none
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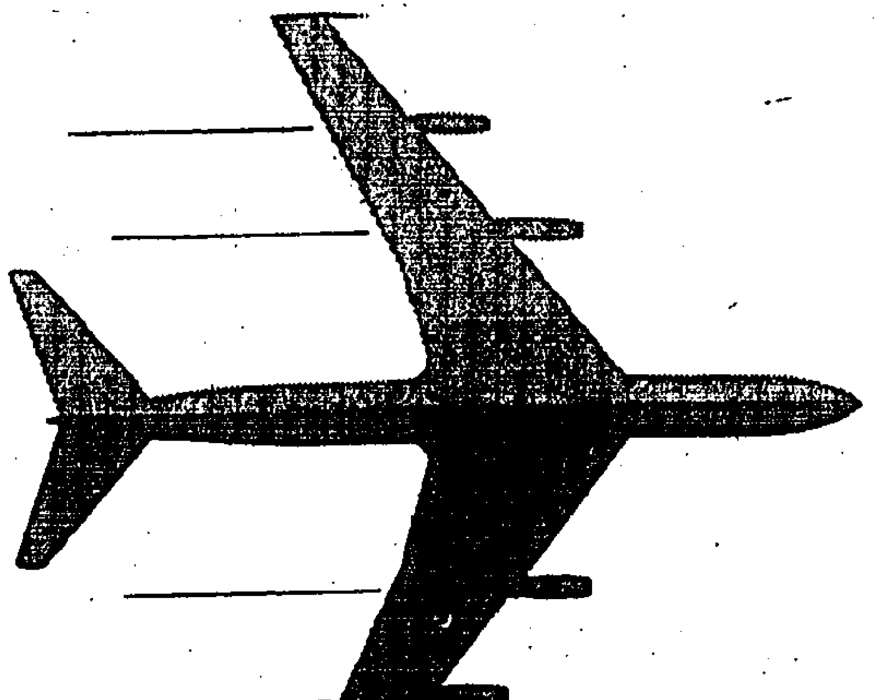

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STRIKES HIT BELGIUM

Prospects of Christmas in chaos

Brussels, Dec. 21.

More than 100 ships were marooned in Antwerp port, railway services were sharply cut and clashes broke out between police and strikers in Belgium today as the nation faced prospects of a Christmas in chaos.

Strikes have been called for an indefinite period against the government's planned "expansion through austerity" scheme to increase taxes and cut the budget.

The main strike centres today, the second day of nation-wide stoppages, were Antwerp, Charleroi and Liege, where gas, electricity, water and transport services and schools were either closed or were being run by skeleton staffs.

POLICE ACTIVE

In Antwerp, 100 armed policemen raced to the port to rescue a dozen colleagues being pelted by strikers with molten cinders from overturned braziers.

Police charged strikers trying to prevent workers entering smelting and heavy industry works in Liege, and strikers at Namur stretcher themselves across railway lines.

The Belgian railways said "numerous" services in central and south Belgium were suspended and international expresses were subject to "long delays."

In Brussels, authorities said that up to 95 per cent of municipal workmen and employees in some districts failed to report for work and dustbins remained unemptied.—Reuter.

Mercy plea fails

Glasgow, Dec. 21.

An eve-of-execution plea for mercy in the form of a telegram from his parents to the Queen has failed to save the life of Anthony Joseph Miller, 19, due to be hanged here tomorrow for murdering and robbing a shopkeeper on a Glasgow recreation ground.

In accordance with constitutional practice, the plea was referred to the Secretary for Scotland, Mr John Maclay. He said that after very careful consideration he "could not find sufficient grounds for advising the Queen to interfere with the due course of the law."—China Mail Special.

Jordan accuses UAR president

Amman, Dec. 21.

Jordan today charged President Nasser with responsibility for a plot to poison the water of a Jordanian town and destroy bridges and buildings near Jordan's border with Syria.

An official statement said the "plot" had been revealed by a soldier of the UAR army based in the Syrian province, who had fled to Jordan after his "conscience prevented from carrying out his instructions."—AFP.

Plane wreckage

St. John's, Dec. 21.

The wreckage of a U.S. navy plane carrying nine men was found today in the Atlantic, 17 miles off the southeast of Newfoundland.

All nine men on the P2V Neptune out of Argentina, Newfoundland, were believed dead. Several bodies were recovered by the U.S. freighter American clipper but the exact number was not immediately available.—AP.

Sea disasters

(Continued from Page 1)

The ship broke up into three pieces before sinking. Three bodies have been recovered so far, and it was feared that all aboard had been drowned. The violence of the storm prevented rescue attempts, although the ship was quite close to land.

The Ellerio was homeward bound to Bilbao.

The storm dashed the ship onto the reefs near Gallsano, off the Spanish coast.

FERRY BOAT

A Rio de Janeiro report said that at least 30 people were drowned when a ferry boat carrying a bus across a river capsized in northeast Brazil.

The accident occurred on a river between Porto das Pandras and Recife, in Pernambuco Province.

The death toll was expected to increase as salvage work went on.

FOG COLLISION

An American freighter rammed a Swedish tanker in dense fog in the Elbe River estuary, according to a Hamburg message.

United States Lines officials identified the freighter as the 8,228-ton American Importer, bound to New York from Hamburg.

The Swedish ship was the 15,725-ton tanker Frithiod. Both ships were reported considerably damaged, but there were no casualties.

CUTTER OVERDUE

Meanwhile search planes swept the Atlantic between Florida and the Bahamas for a sailing cutter overdue in deteriorating weather.

The 75-foot Schoor-Sed, with three persons aboard, left Nassau for Fort Lauderdale on Sunday and should have arrived yesterday morning.

The vessel belongs to Mr and Mrs Marshall des Roches of Fort Lauderdale. They are believed to be aboard with one crewman, probably a Bahamian.

The friend who reported the boat overdue said it is a one-masted white cutter with auxiliary power. He said the vessel did not have a radio when it left Florida for a business trip to the Bahamas.—All Agencies.

AUTHOR WHO STABBED WIFE 'NOT PSYCHOTIC'

New York, Dec. 21.

Novelist Norman Mailer, charged with stabbing his 35-year-old wife, Adele, after a party last month, was "not psychotic," a psychiatrist told the court here today.

The author of the "Naked And The Dead" had been committed to hospital on November 22 after a doctor said he had been undergoing "an acute paranoid breakdown with delusional thinking, and is both homicidal and suicidal."

REMANDED

The case was remanded until December 29. This was Mailer's second appearance in court in two days; yesterday he was charged with disorderly conduct when attempting to pay a nightclub bill with a credit card. But the manager withdrew the complaint after Mailer said he would send a cheque.

Mailer said yesterday that his wife had recovered from her wound and was "fine."

Mrs Mailer said outside the court today that she would not sign a complaint against her husband, who is being held on a police affidavit.

Her lawyer said she intended to continue living with her husband and their two children. "She will do everything she can to keep her family whole," he added.—Reuter.

BUS PLUNGES INTO CANAL

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 21.

A bus plunged into a canal in the northeast city of Recife today and 30 passengers aboard drowned, press dispatches reported.

It was not known how many people were on the bus or what caused it to crash through a bridge railing.—AP.

KING SAUD TAKES OVER GOVERNMENT

London, Dec. 21.

King Saud is taking over the Government of Saudi Arabia, following the resignation of the Prime Minister, Emir Faisal, and his Cabinet, Mecca radio reported tonight.

The radio broadcast a Royal decree announcing that the King, who is the elder brother of Emir Faisal, had accepted the Prime Minister's resignation and that of the Cabinet.

Another decree proclaimed that the King will assume the Prime Ministership, the radio reported.

The radio announcement gave no details.

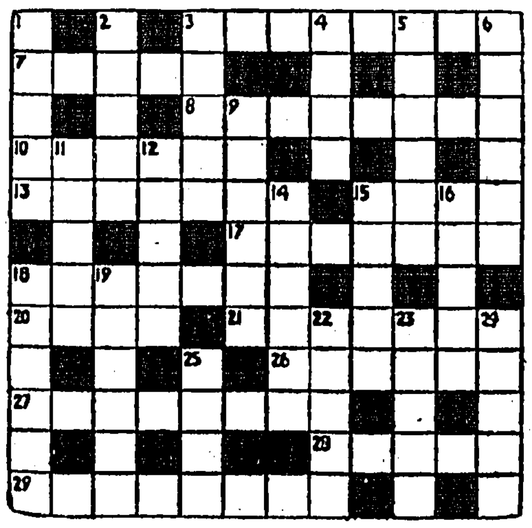
Emir Faisal, who is the Crown Prince, also held the posts of Foreign, Defence and Finance Minister.

King Saud had handed over to Crown Prince Faisal in March 1958, the ministries of Saudi Arabia's foreign, interior and financial affairs. Some reports said the Crown Prince had assumed the real power in the kingdom to bring the country out of financial difficulties.

Early this year, King Saud was reported to have toured the country to rally support among the tribes for a "full return to power." But the independent Beirut newspaper Al Hayat reported on June 29 that the brothers had reached a compromise under which the King would preside occasionally at Cabinet meetings.

In 1958, at the time when Emir Faisal was reported to have been delegated the extra powers, there were reports that one reason for strained relations between the brothers was Faisal's disapproval of King Saud's reluctance to accept President Nasser as the leading Arab spokesman.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



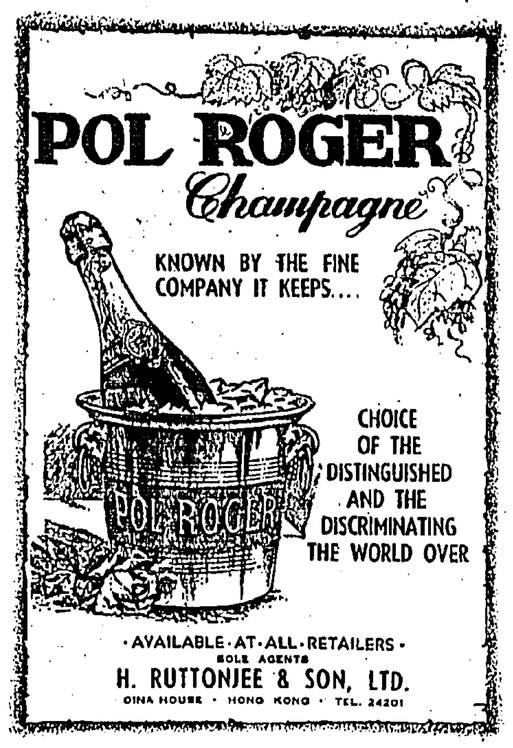
ACROSS

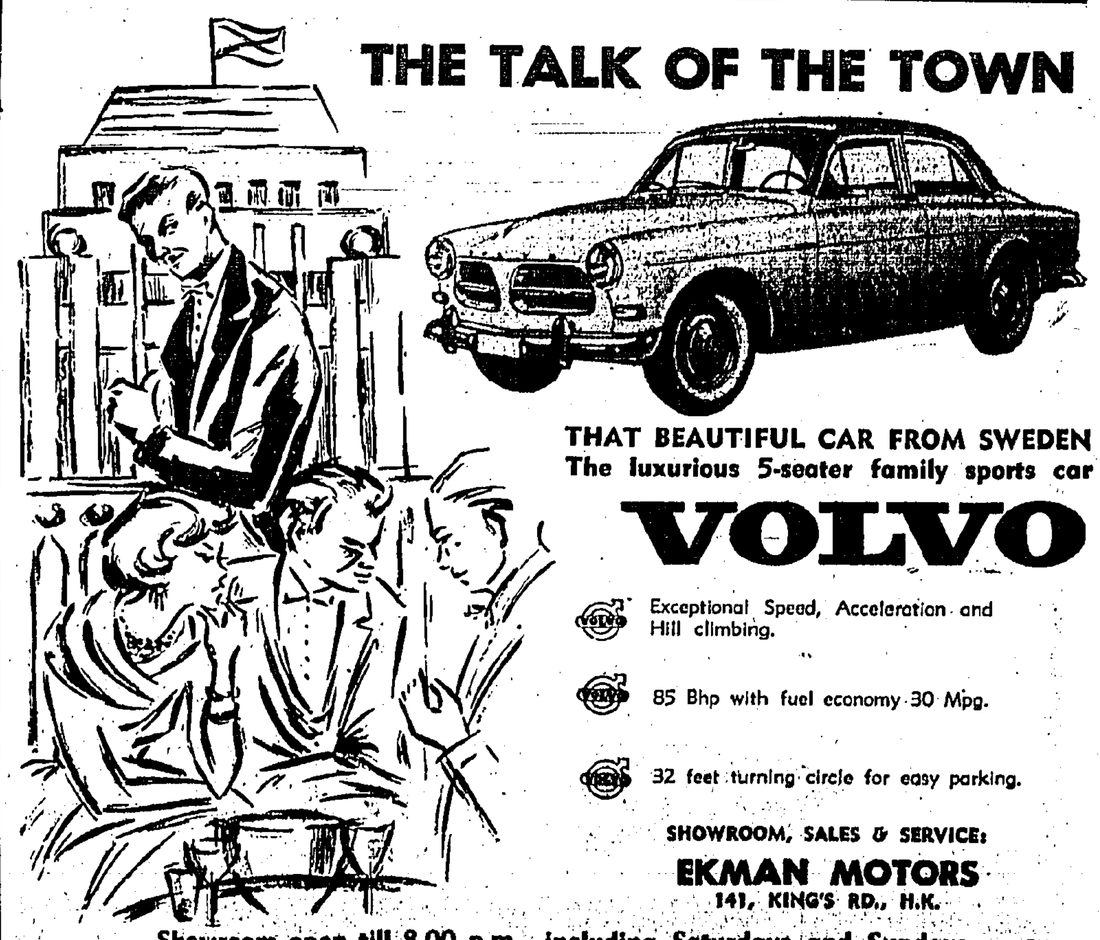
3 Apparatus of a CID man? (6).
7 It revolves in both directions. (5).
8 Cold comfort! (6).
10 Man or ship blubbering? (6).
13 Unaffected. (17).
15 Cooker. (4).
17 Gun carriers, often revolving. (7).
18 Make more precipitous. (7).
20 Caught. (4).
21 Laid waste. (7).
26 Period of possession. (6).
27 Weapon for a parrot? (6).
28 Answer at random. (5).
29 Confection for birds? (6).

DOWN

1 Drench with water. (5).
2 Wild animal. (5).
3 Less moist. (5).
4 Every one individually. (4).
5 The last hour. (6).
6 "Friends, — countrymen..." (6).
9 Old Bill's "better 'ole"? (6).
11 Don't make too much of it. (5).
12 Tempted to transgress. (5).
14 Shaped like a crescent moon. (6).
15 Musical journal? (5).
16 There is an anaesthetic. (5).
18 Fishy characters? (6).
19 How the time will pass. (6).
22 Border-land? (5).
23 Made fun of a fellow? (5).
24 Not very bright. (5).
25 Commercially, mica. (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across.: 1 Warmth, 5 Drawl, 8 Romeo, 9 Raisin(g), 10 Bleak, 11 Petal, 12 Rift, 13 Tease, 16 Meters, 18 Leader, 20 Mills, 22 Lieu(tenant), 23 Boxes, 25 Talon, 26 Rafter, 27 Wreak, 28, Newsy, 29 Needed. Down: 1 Ward-room, 2 Rainfall 3 Trip, 4 Honeyed. 5 Debater, 6 Roller, 7 Wears, 14 Assisted, 15 Enquired, 16 Masonry, 17 Teheran, 19 Elbows, 21 Image, 24 Sake.





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HOOVER & GALA: "Magic Boy" (full length feature cartoon).
ROYAL & STATE: "Battle Of The V.I," with Michael Rennie, Patricia Medina and Milly Vitale.
ROXY & MAJESTIC: "Esther And The King," starring Joan Collins, Richard Egan, and Denis O'Dea.
LEE: "Brides Of Dracula," starring Peter Cushing, Freda Jackson and Martita Hunt.
BROADWAY & METROPOLE: "Marie Of The Isles," starring Belinda Lee and Alain Saury.
RITZ: "Toughest Gun In Tombstone," with George Montgomery.
ORIENTAL: "The Subterraneans," with Leslie Caron and George Peppard.
PARAMOUNT: "Duel In The Forest" with Curt, Jurgens and Maria Schell.
CAPITOL: "You Pay For It," (Japanese film with English sub-titles).
WORLD: "The Horse Soldiers," with John Wayne and William Holden.

NIGHT SPOTS

PARAMOUNT: Giancarlo and his band, Cocktail lounge featuring Larry Allen at Piano.
GOLDEN PHOENIX: The Guus Brox Show, Musical Comedians from Holland and The Eltons.
MAXIMS: Music by Franco Trombetta and his Italian Combo.
CHAMPAGNE: Japanese dancer Pekelko Kojima and Chinese Opera dance and Ising Catchalian and his quintet.
PARIS: The "Kimchi-Kats" and Tommy, Benny, Terry Trio.
STAR HOTEL: Lou Vito & his band.
GRANDEL LOUNGE: Sally Contreras at the piano.
CARLTON: Ben Conti and His Combo, featuring the versatile Vic Criscobal.
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PRINCESS GARDEN: Amor Soler, "Miss Cha Cha Cha," and Rosto, Dutch juggler, and Danny Shaw.
SUN YA: Judy Lang, fascinating dancer.
METROPOLITAN: Japanese dancer Asaoka Kimie. Vocalist Miss Luz Vi Minda. Mistra Rey and his band.
ALHAMBRA: Satoni and Mai, acrobatic balancing and comedy team.

RADIO HONGKONG

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1 pm, Time Signal, Diary for today; 1.13, Weather; 1.15, Time Signal, News; 1.30, Lunchtime Music; 2, Time Signal, Woman's World—produced by Murray Leavitt and Thelma Stuart; 2.30, Encore — Moszkowski, Dizet, Liszt, Brahms and Boccherini; 3, We Live and Learn — talking about Music — introduced by John Amis; 3.30, Aldo Bruschi and Ensemble; 4, Film Focus — edited by Bill Howard; 4.30, The Young Idea — presented by Mavis; 5, Homeward Bound; 6, Time Signal, News; 6.10, Interlude; 6.16, Portuguese Half Hour—with Don Carlos; 6.45, The Archers; 6.58, Weather; 7, Time Signal, News & Commentary; 7.15, Today—produced by Michael Page; 7.30, "The Countess Cathleen"—by W. B. Yeats, with Kathleen Michael and Jack MacGowran; 8.30, A Square Looks at "Rock"—Colvyn Haye; 8.51, Interlude; 8.58, Weather; 9, Time Signal, News & News About Britain; 9.15, What Sweeter Music—Story of Christmas In Music, compiled and introduced by Clive Simpson; 10, Russian Composers; 10.15, Mark After Dark—Mark Brolles; 10.56, Weather; 11, Time Signal, Radio Newsreel; 11.15, Trio for Pianchos; 11.30, Music for Sweethearts—Eric Jupp (piano) and Orchestra; 11.57, Weather; 11.59, News Headlines; 12, Time Signal, Close.

COMMERCIAL RADIO

(196m. 1530kc.)

1.15 pm, News, Weather; 1.30, Lunchtime Rendezvous; 2, Composer Of The Day — Foerster's "Cyrano De Bergerac" Opus 55 — BRNO Radio Symphony Orchestra; 2.45, approx, Interlude; 3, For The Ladies — presented by Mary Collins; 4, One Hundred Violins; 4.30, Weather; 4.31, Children's Corner; 5, Tango Time; 5.15, Charlie Kunz; 5.30, Classical Concert — Christmas Eve Suite By Rimsky-Korsakov — Ernest Ansermet & L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande; 6, Stock Exchange Closing Rates; 6.04, approx, Ruth Ole Sings, Larry Adler Plays; 6.30, All Strings And Fancy Free; 7, News, Weather; 7.15, Martini Time; 7.30, For Latin Lovers — introduced by Bob Williams; 8, Piano Recital By Sergio Perticaroli; 8.15, Music In The Air; 8.30, National Half Hour —presented by John Gunstone; 9, News, Weather; 9.15, Radio Report—presented by Nick Kendall and John Gunstone; 9.30, La Ronde Continentale With Lydia St. Clair; 10, Guitar Interlude With Chet Atkins; 10.15, Extracts From The Caedmon Treasury of Modern Poets; 10.30, Benjamin Britten's Ceremony Of Carols — Choristers Of Canterbury Cathedral; 11, Radio Newsreel, Weather; 11.15, Music Till Midnight; 12, Weather, Close.

REDIFFUSION

1 pm Diary for today; 1.15, News And Weather; 1.30, Lunchtime Music; 2, Melody Time; 3.45, Short Story — "A Mixture Of Feathers"; 4.15, Tea Dance; 4.45, Operation Moon Satellite; 5, Children's Corner; 5.30, Songs Of The Islands; 6, Stu Foster Show; 6.15, Thursday Requests—Presented by Tony Myatt; 6.45, The Archers; 7, News; 7.09, Weather; 7.10, Announcements And Interlude; 7.15, Hongkong Hit Parade; 7.45, String Serenade; 8, Music Time—presented by Charles Harvey; 8.45, Hongkong Byline; 9, Edmundo Ros and Orchestra; 9.30, Birthdays And Anniversaries; 9.35, Kisp O'Kane; 10, Jim Reeves Show; 10.55, Monday Ghostly; 11, Stop Press; 11.06, Date In Dreamland; 12, Midnight, Close.

TELEVISION

5 pm, Chinese Children's Story Time; 5.10, Laurel & Hardy; 5.35, "The Buccaneers"; 5.50, Cartoons; 6, Close; 7.30, English News in Brief; 7.35, Mickey Rooney Show; 8, World News (Chinese); 8.10 Liberace Show; 8.40, "Interpol Calling"; 9.05, World News (English); 9.15, "Wagon Train"; 10.05, Lucky Sports Programme; 10.35, "Medic"; 11, "On Black & White"—Late Night Piano Music By Joe Macmillan; 11.15, Late Night Final, Close.

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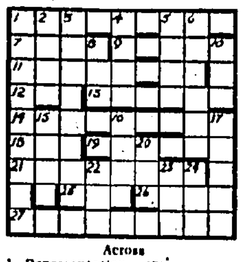

Across
1. Representation. (9)
7. Zoo animal. (4)
9. Makes accessible. (5)
11. Meeting. (8)
12. Desery. (3)
13. Colour. (5)
14. Talking machine. (9)
18. First lady. (3)
19. Eroded. (5)
21. Lets in again. (8)
25. Dandy. (3)
26. Disturbance. (4)
27. Boisterousness (9)

Down
1. Building operative. (9)
2. French river. (4)
3. Petal. (4-4)
4. A capital city. (4) 5. Shout. (4)
6. Somebody or other. (5)
8. Napoleonic marshal. (3)
10. Carpenter's item. (3)
15. Always. (4)
16. Dancing slipper. (4)
17. Prepares for publication. (5)
20. Title. (3)
22. Canine. (3)
23. Cravat. (3)
24. Send help! (1, 1, 1)

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IT is a mistake to publish estimates of the cost of new weapons. There is always a row when the estimated cost of, say, Greased Lightning, is a mere £7,000,000 and the actual cost turns out to be, when the obsolete and unworkable thing is scrapped, £65,000,000.

If no estimates were published the Treasury would not have to apologise, and the perfect confidence reposed in its rulers by an educated democracy would be expressed in the phrase: "It must have been necessary or they wouldn't have done it."

Wefthouse v Henchman

Gooseboote: Now, Mrs Henchman, would it not be possible for a baby eel to pass quite comfortably under a serpent, if the serpent were on the branch of a tree?

Mrs H.: I suppose so, but Mrs Wefthouse does not sit on branches of trees.

Gooseboote: Of course not. But, "if she were a serpent"—I use your own words—a baby eel could wriggle under the branch she was on without banging its head. I put it to you that this would not reflect on her moral character.

Mrs H.: Not if she was a serpent, but she isn't. And she could still be on a very low branch.

(Lunch interval.)

Exchange of courtesies

DR SMART-ALLICK has been following with interest Captain Foulenough's adventures in the world of art. He wired to him the other day: "How do you clean your old masters?" Foulenough wired back: "How do you clean yours — e.g., that old history master?" Smart-Allick then wrote suggesting that Foulenough should come during the Christmas term to amuse the boys and masters with a few card tricks. Foulenough replied: "I doubt whether they would find my tricks amusing."

(STOP PRESS: Dawn Kedgaree has a gumboil. Fourteen specialists are in attendance, and another is being flown from Penang to Ravenna, where she is filming.)

—(London Express Service.)

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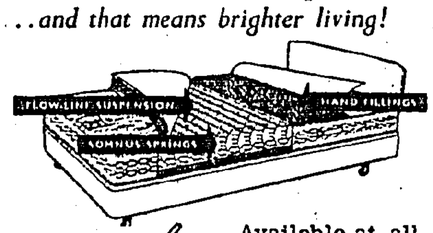

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

On Sunday, December 25, 1960 all post offices will be closed. There will be one delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 am.

On Monday, December 26, 1960 there will be no delivery of correspondence. The Public Counters at the Victoria & Kowloon Central Post Offices will open for business from 9 am to noon; Sheung Wan, North Point & Shamshuipo Post Offices from 10 am to noon only. All other Post Offices will be closed.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1960 there will be one delivery of correspondence commencing at 10 am. All Post Office Counters will open for business from 8 am to noon.

The P. O. Box Lobbies at the Victoria & Kowloon Central Post Offices will be open from 8 am to 8 pm; Sheung Wan, North Point and Shamshuipo Post Offices from 10 am to noon only on December 26 & 27 1960.

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By Air

Burma, Africa, Great Britain, Europe (Letter Mail) Noon, Iran (Letter Mail) Noon, USA, N.C. & S. America (Letter Mail) 2 pm (Parcel Mail) 1 pm, Canada (Letter Mail) 2 pm, Phillippines, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji (Letter Mail) 3 pm (Parcel Mail) 2 pm, Laos (Letter Mail) 6 pm (Parcel Mail) 5 pm, Hawaii, USA, N. C. & S. America (Letter Mail) 6 pm (Parcel Mail) 5 pm, Canada (Letter Mail) 6 pm, Formosa, Japan (Letter Mail) 6 pm (Parcel Mail) 5 pm, Korea (Letter Mail) 6 pm (Parcel Mail) 5 pm, Okinawa (Letter Mail) 6 pm.

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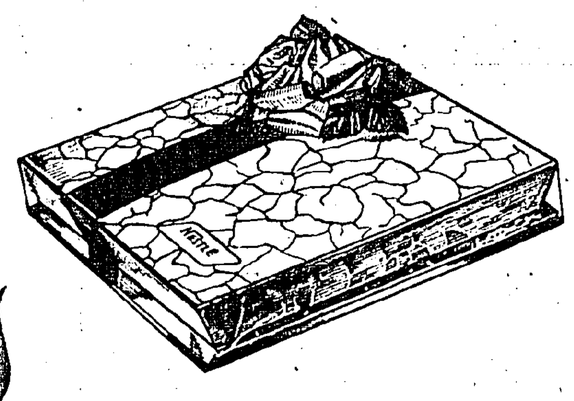

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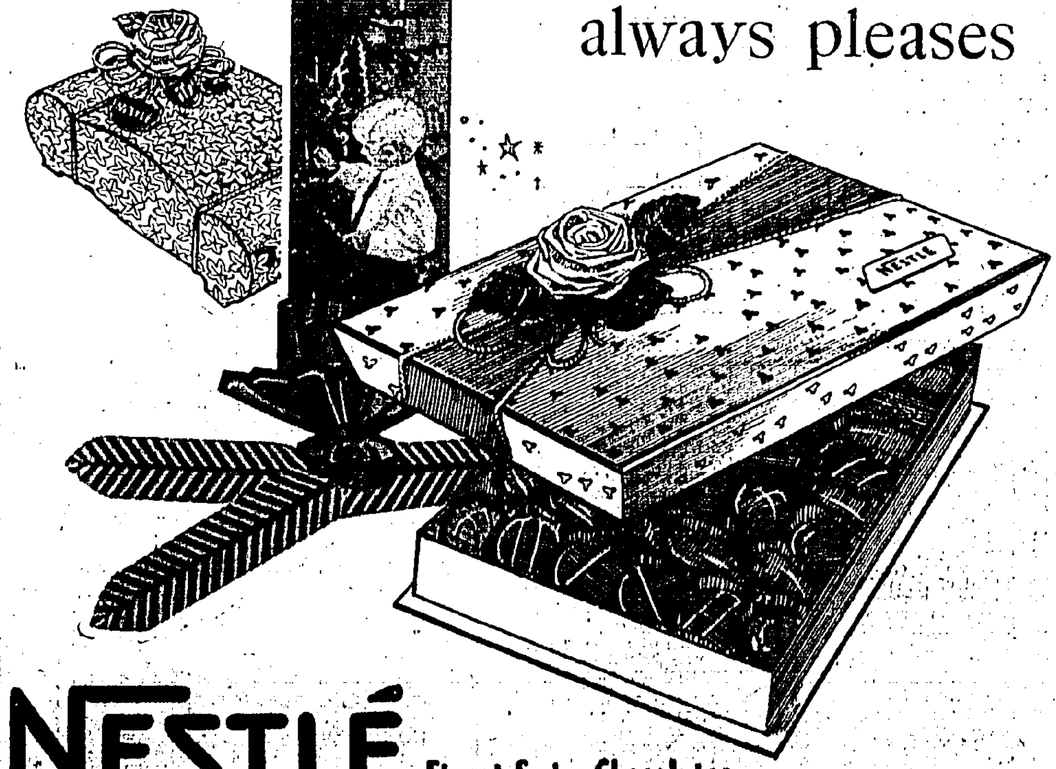

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Police shoot at mob

Colombo, Dec. 21.

One person was killed and two injured when police opened fire today on a defiant crowd at a Roman Catholic meeting organised to protest against the state takeover of assisted schools at Paiyagala, about 10 miles south of Colombo.

According to first reports police asked the crowd to disperse and tried to confiscate loudspeakers used at meeting in defiance of a ban on processions and loudspeakers.

The crowd then attacked the police who were ordered to open fire.—Reuter.

CABARET TOLL 14

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

Fourteen people, including nine hostesses, were burned to death on Wednesday night when an fire destroyed a three-storey cabaret in Kumamoto City, in southern Japan, police reported. —AP.

FELL TO DEATH

Livingstone, Dec. 21.

A 50-year-old man sightseeing at the edge of Victoria Falls today lost his balance and fell more than 300 feet to his death. His 14-year-old son witnessed the accident.—Reuter.

Irishman takes over UN Congo force

United Nations, Dec. 21.

Irish Major General Sean McKeown will take over command of the UN Congo force from January 1, replacing General Carl von Horn, it was formally announced here today.

General von Horn, 57, who is at present on leave at his home in Malmoe, Sweden, was head of the UN Armistice Commission in Palestine before taking over the Congo force.

General McKeown, 50, has been the Irish Army's Chief of Staff since January 1. He is married and has four children.

An infantryman, he was born in County Louth on June 3, 1910. He entered the army in 1930 as a cadet in the Cadet School of the Irish Military College and was commissioned the next year.

He was an instructional officer on the college staff just before World War II, commanded an infantry battalion during the war years and became Commandant of the College Cadet School at the end of the war.

In 1957, after four years service with the Irish Western Command headquarters, he became college Commandant.

He recently returned from a 10-day fact-finding tour in the Congo. He reported to Mr Dag Hammarskjold, UN Secretary-General, in New York.

Return

A United Nations spokesman said here today that Mr Hammarskjold had asked General von Horn to return to his post in Jerusalem as it could no longer be left vacant. He would take up duties on February 1 after a vacation.

The spokesman said that General McKeown's services would only be available for a limited period because of his "important duties in his own national service."

Generals Ben Hammou Kettani, of Morocco, and Iyassu Mangasha, of Ethiopia, would remain respectively as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the force, the spokesman added.—Reuter and AP.

Christmas In Kent

London, Dec. 21.

Sir Winston and Lady Churchill expect to spend Christmas at their country home at Chartwell (Kent) as usual, it was announced here.

At their London home Sir Winston Churchill's secretary said: "they will probably leave for the country on Friday. Sir Winston is getting on very well and is getting up every day.

Britain's elder statesman, now 86, broke a bone in his back in a fall at his London home in November and spent a couple of weeks in bed.—China Mail Special.

Failed to report Red affiliations

Taipei, Dec. 21.

A sentence of 3½ years jail was imposed today on Li Hsi-chou, 63, on charges of having failed to report to the Chinese Nationalist authorities his alleged Communist affiliations.

Li, a one-time minor Nationalist official, was alleged to have defected to the Communists early in the forties and to have been primarily responsible for the execution of seven villagers.

Li came to Formosa in 1948. —AP.

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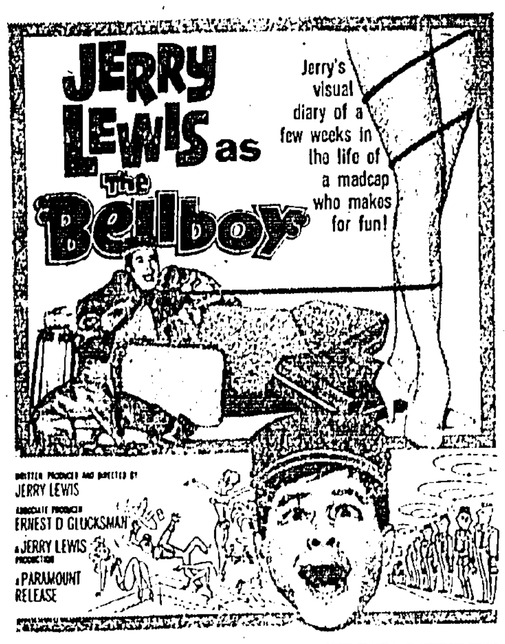

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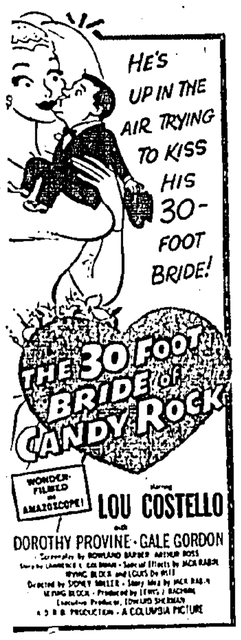

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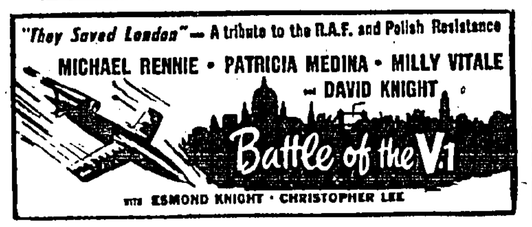

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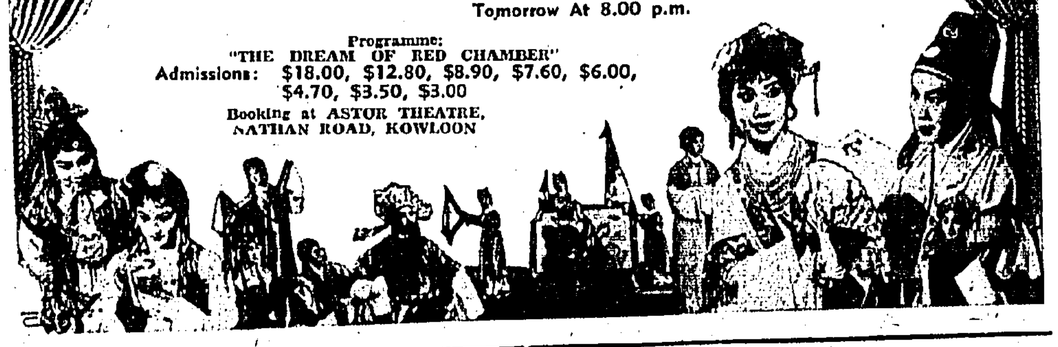

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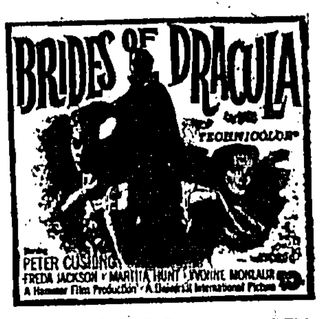

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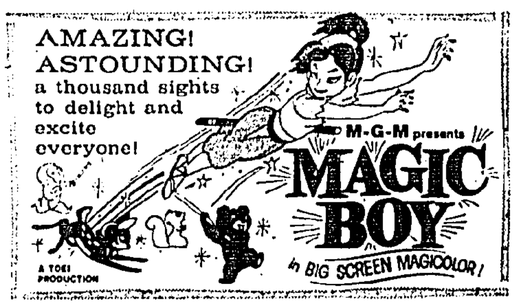

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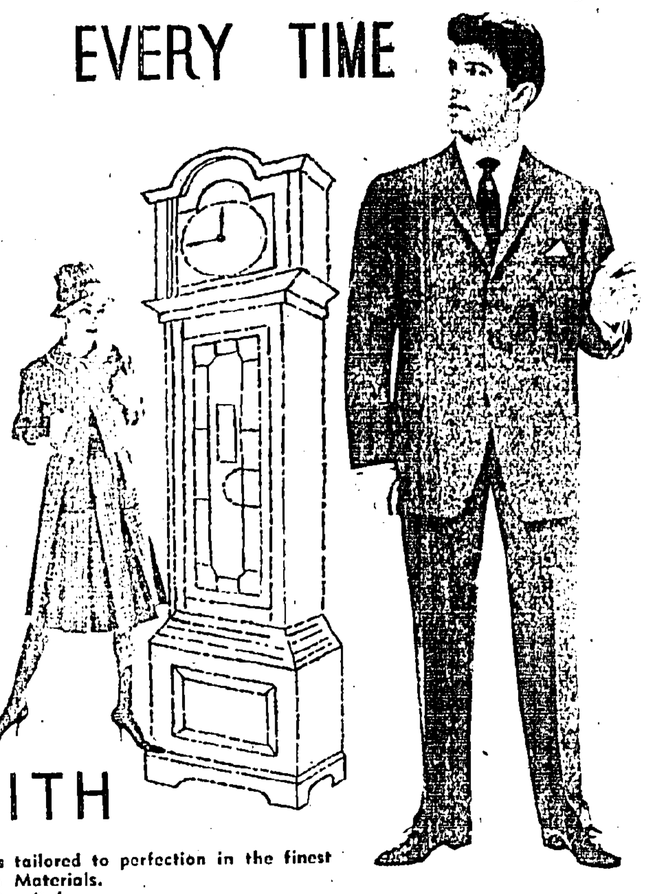

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Vivien Leigh on— ALL MY TOMORROWS

by DAVID LEWIN

SAID Vivien Leigh: "What is important now is work. Friends and Work. I am fortunate. I have both."

It is several weeks since her marriage to Sir Laurence Olivier was dissolved. I was meeting her to talk about today—and tomorrow.

Tomorrow is 1961. Already it is shaping up to be a most unusual and different year for her. She plans to keep on the flat in Belgravia, although in a few months she will leave it for a world tour.

"I might let friends like Rex Harrison stay in it," she said, "or perhaps Larry will have it when he is here. But I have no plans to give it up although, as you know, I am a country girl really and I would prefer a place in the country. That is why I loved Notley Abbey, our old home, so much.

"I think I shall be spending a lot of time away from England now. I like being with my friends here and, of course, working, but America stimulates me and I expect to be there quite often."

The role

I ASKED her if she would miss having a permanent home, a base, with all the travelling she has planned. "I don't know. I haven't really tried it before."

So now there is her film "The Roman Spring of Mrs Stone" which she has just started in London. It is by Tennessee Williams and it deals with one of his favourite themes: the fading beauty and the fading power of a woman.

Mrs Karen Stone is an actress . . . a successful one but an actress who finds that tackling the classics and the great roles is a little beyond her.

'Wonderful'

She retires from the stage and goes off on tour with her wealthy husband, and then he dies.

When she arrives in Italy she is alone and friendless, and in Rome after a few months she meets a gigolo and falls in love.

It is an affair that ends in misery for her. Tennessee Williams shows that once a woman like Mrs Stone meets one gigolo she is likely at the end to turn to another.

"I read the script when I was in America," said Miss Leigh, "and I decided to do it. It is a wonderful part." The last time she appeared in a Tennessee Williams story — "A Streetcar Named Desire"—she won an Oscar.

I watched her the other day playing a scene with the gigolo —American actor Warren Beatty —who took the part at short notice after he was auditioned by Tennessee Williams to prove he could speak with an Italian accent.

In the scene I watched Miss Leigh, as Mrs Stone, the former actress, had these lines to say: "I lived a long time in a very flattering, very artificial, very insincere kind of world—the world of an actress."

Three plays

But Miss Leigh, unlike Mrs Stone, need never stop acting. She knows, as she says, that work is important and that in marriage "common interest is the main thing."

The next four months Vivien Leigh will spend making "The Roman Spring of Mrs Stone" and then after a short holiday she will prepare for her world tour, the first she has undertaken without Sir Laurence.

The tour, with the Old Vic, will end on Broadway. She will star in three plays — "Camille," "Twelfth Night," and "Duel of Angels." She will be on tour for 18 months or two years and it will be her longest spell away from home.

Grateful

But, of course, there will still be links with home. Whatever has happened in her private life, she is still under contract to Laurence Olivier Productions and is still a director of that company with Sir Laurence.

We talked about Olivier's role in his latest film "Spartacus," and she was pleased at the good notices he had received. And we talked of the past 20 years.

'I shall always be grateful for those years, for the great happiness they have given to me," she said.

She smiled so serenely and she looked so beautiful as I left her and she went back to work. There was nothing to add.

—(London Express Service).

POCKET CARTOON BY FRIELL

"And if the staff stay on for a Christmas party, sir, they want to be paid time and a half; if you're making a speech they want double time."

London Express Service.

QUOTE

—by the borough surveyors of Brighton and Hastings jointly reporting on the behaviour of seaside motorists:—

IT would seem that many have either not read the Highway Code at all, or have seen only one of the early editions of many years ago and think that that will do for life.

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—by Mr W. J. Taylor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Air, speaking at a House of Commons dinner recently:—

WHY is it that when we are spending more on education than ever before so many young people are given over to squalid pursuits? The beatniks serve nothing, create nothing They are nothing.

Just Fancy That!

THE four-letter words in "Lady Chatterley" are not likely to be included in the Oxford Dictionary as a result of the case. "This legal judgment is irrelevant to our purpose," said Oxford University Press. "We don't take into account anything but common usage."

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FARMER Jack French, of Heart's Delight, Kingston, near Canterbury, Kent, read about the poor condition of children's teeth. And he has offered to sell apples to schools for a halfpenny a pound to help prevent dental decay.

★ ★ ★

NOTHING like it has ever happened before in the Clyde shipyards. A section of the workers there gave a pledge the other day not to strike for two years. It came from 157 burners (who trim plates before welding) as they ended a nine-week stoppage after the granting of a pay increase.

★ ★ ★

THE rush-hour crush in the front coach caused the 7.13 a.m. Reading to London train to stop outside Paddington for the fifth time in a month recently. The crowd so weighted down the springs that the automatic stopping device touched the tracks—and put on the brakes.

★ ★ ★

A NIGHT-BEAT policeman found a man lying on the floor of the empty Nottingham Playhouse thumping his chest. Explained sound-technician Anthony Church, as he switched off a tape-recorder: Chest-thumping produces a better sound-effect for horses' hooves than coconut shells.

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A BURGLAR who stole an engagement ring from a house in Maylands-avenue, Breaston, Derbyshire, left this note: "You seem poor. I am poor—everybody is poor. Claim it from the insurance."

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Santa Baby... THIS is what you should really give Miss Kitt

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NOBODY—not even me—wants as much in her Christmas stocking as Eartha Kitt . . . that's if she means what she sings in that sandpapery voice at the Talk of the Town—and I thought she did.

For the last seventy-eight shopping days to Christmas Eartha has had, the finest opportunity of anyone I know to ram her present list into the minds of her admirers.

THE THOUGHT

She has sung with determined obstinacy every night her famous **I WANT** songs: Old Fashioned Girl* and Santa Baby,** changing the words here and there, when a new preference had ousted the old.

By my reckoning some ardent guy needed to pay out around HK$320 million to keep her smiling through the smoulder.

To do the ardent guy—her husband William McDonald—a small favour. I decided to send a message to the girl, basing it on that dear little saying:

It's the Thought that counts.

It read like this: "Eartha, dear, you really are being an old fashioned girl if you think only with a millionaire's money will you enjoy life. Come shopping with me and I'll show you."

When she wailed "Santa Baby, just slip a sable under the tree . . . Santa Baby one little thing I really do need—the deed to a platinum mine," I would come up with some insurance figures that she'd have to pay to keep that sable in security . . . Then round her shoulders I'd slip a gorgeous snow-white Arctic fox.

As for digging for platinum, at the thought of her first shovelful, the idea would pall—whereas a sleek platinum wig could give her morale a tremendous life—transforming her into the blondest blonde.

I'd point out there were drawbacks to owning the other things she requested: She'd need a basin for the yacht, a staff for the Duplex (a two-floor apartment) and a rent collector for those "two apartment buildings labelled 'hers' and 'hers'."

I'd show her the prettiest crackers I'd seen in a yacht-shaped table decoration, Pierre Cardin's new scent called "duplexity." Suite 16 and something just right for any pretty egotist, a delicate cup labelled Moi and a stimulating book called simply Hers.

Eartha, I know, wants children but she'd have to be told that the "soundproof nursery" she wanted "so not to wake the baby while I'm counting" was just nonsensical. When she has a baby Mr McDonald could give her a good present by installing the hi-fi equipment. I've seen which relays baby's cries but still keeps out the chink of mounting coins.

FLOWERS . . .

"I like the old-fashioned flowers, violets are for me . . . Have them made in diamonds so that everyone can see. . . ."

Old fashioned again, these days, Eartha, because flowers can be picked and it's less heart-breaking to lose the artificial kind. Ask Sophia Loren . . .

Oil wells were on her Christmas list, too. She'd have to learn that converted oil lamps could be a more personal gift and I found a beauty from Halcyon Days.

Finally? Well, difficult to convince the lady that the "plain simple car with a hydraulic jack, long enough to have a bowling alley in the back" would be almost impossible to park.

I took along the biggest and best toy car I could find.

Called the President. I knew she'd have more fun *giving* this present than receiving anything.

After all these good intentions what did Eartha say?

"I only want people to stop thinking I'm evil."

After such a simple request, I asked her what she would buy her husband for Christmas?

She spat the word out. "Nothing."

Oh, Eartha!

PICTURE BY JOHN COLE.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for Eartha Kitt or any other lucky girl who wants the best—based on the ingredients of Eartha's most famous songs. Seen from left to right: Presents of Dover-street can supply the slender umbrellas with mink-trimmed cases; Italian stand; necklace with violet stones; jewelled pillbox; jewelled brush and comb; ruby heart brooch; diamond flower; aquamarine earrings; topaz earrings; jewelled compact; pearl ropes; half-moon brooch with multi-coloured stones; Moi cups. Hers, a fascinating book specially for women; tiny Studebaker car; Baby Cri-cail; platinum wig; red and gold cracker "yacht." From Halcyon Days antique crystal and ormolu oil lamp; 3ft. President car, Arctic fox.

CABBIES: THE FACTS

STANDING in good old British slush the other day and being ignored for the third time by a vacant taxi, I came to this conclusion—*taxi drivers hate women.*

When I finally nabbed one I'm afraid he had to take most of my fury.

He chuckled with irritating good will and said: "Oh, you're quite wrong. We don't hate women fares—they're very good passengers, tip well because generally they're not used to taking cabs."

As I simmered he decided to enlighten me still further: "The Britisher will face battles, but not rain, ha, ha."

He continued: "The worst fares are the Australian, New Zealander and the American who lives here, in that order. They don't bother to tip at all."

After I'd discovered that in a good week taxi drivers earn about HK$960, he decided to divulge other little secrets.

"Blagging"—the fraternity's word for the behaviour of naughty drivers who actually **embarrass** the passenger by suggesting they haven't tipped enough—was frowned upon.

As I arrived at my destination duly chastened he leaned over to deliver the final lesson. "Contrary to public opinion we're an honest lot. In fact, when a tourist hands you a large sum and says "take what you think is right for the trip," it's so embarrassing we nearly always take less than we should."

CLOCK WATCHERS

I DON'T know about you, but I haven't yet learned to use my time at the hairdresser as a relaxing experience, and with one eye on the clock I'll admit I'm not an easy client.

However, the other day I heard the excuse that is apparently causing all London hairdressers to wish Mr Marples further.

A cosy blonde with wet hair was fretting beside me, watching her hairdresser intently through the mirror combing out somebody else. Finally she turned round to implore "Malcolm, you haven't forgotten my meter have you?"

This didn't click with me at first and later Malcolm explained, throwing up his arms dramatically: "We're all suffering from the wretched things . . . because our clients will park by a meter and of course their maximum time there is two hours—they expect us to pay the fine if they're late."

What a good idea!

—(London Express Service).

JACOBY on BRIDGE

TODAY'S hand doesn't really illustrate a nothing play. The play South made can be described as a less-than-nothing play.

Incidentally, the hand was actually played some 25 years ago by one of the leading players of the day.

The game was rubber bridge and our hero had been holding bad cards all evening but finally managed to get vulnerable.

His partner opened with two no-trump and with nine spades, etc., it looked as if six spades had to be a good gamble.

North held a maximum two no-trump opening for that day, including all four aces and since this hand was played during that period of contract history when the vulnerable grand slam bonus was 2250 North decided to try for it.

South looked at dummy and things had been going so badly for him all day that he did not notice that nine trumps plus three trumps made a total of twelve. Anyway, he ruffed the opening club lead and played the queen of trumps. West showed out and after a muffled curse for the gods of chance South said, "Down one," and threw his cards down.

Needless to say East accepted the concession.

NORTH (D) ♠AJ6 ♥AK ♦A84 ♣AK1093

WEST ♠None ♥Q106532 ♦J9652 ♣87

EAST ♠K ♥J987 ♦103 ♣QJ6542

SOUTH ♠Q109875432 ♥4 ♦KQ7 ♣None

North and South vulnerable

North	East	South	West
2 N.T.	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣8

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
2 N.T.	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
?			

You, South, hold: ♠AJ6 ♥AQ95 ♦AK2 ♣A104

What do you do?

A—Pass. Your partner has heard both your bids.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Instead of bidding three no-trump over your three hearts your partner has gone to four clubs. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

Rupert and the Purple Star—22

Sam ponders over the faded paper. "The box was left me by an old sailor man who used to be a smuggler himself," he says. "This paper was the only thing in it and it's my belief that it tells the secret of a great hidden treasure. If so, it's very, very precious and must be guarded until some clever person tells me its meaning." Then Rupert hears a little sound and he goes to the door. Outside there is no one in sight but lying close to the doorstep is a small package with a label tied to it.

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Christmas Holiday Cooking

by HELEN BURKE

INEVITABLY, over the Christmas holiday, various cold meats—turkey, ham, tongue and the like—will play quite a big part in our catering and one of the most delicious relishes to go with them is "Chrane," a mixture of beetroot and horse-radish. It is also the quickest of all to prepare.

If you are having one-slice open-faced "sandwiches" for, say, Boxing Day's supper, a little "Chrane" spread on the bread makes an excellent foundation for such toppings as smoked eel, small pieces of cooked meat and so on. Another thing: the ingredients are readily available.

Peel and grate 3 good-sized beetroots or, when you plan to have a beetroot consomme (see below) use a can of small whole ones. Scrape 2 sticks of horse-radish and grate them straight across so that there will be no stringy bits. Mix well together.

Sweeten to taste with caster sugar, then pour in as much malt or distilled vinegar as the mixture will take. This last is important because, if there is not enough vinegar, the relish will lose its beautiful colour. It should not swim to overflowing.

Add the liquid from a can of beetroot and a few slivers of the beetroot itself to a can of consomme and heat through. Or make the consomme from the cleared stock from turkey bones.

—(London Express Service).

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

AQUARIUS (3) (January 21-February 19): An unexpected demand on your financial resources may put you in a rather awkward position for a while.

PISCES (10) (February 20-March 20): A temporary change of environment will be just the thing to enable you to relax from your recent overdose of work.

ARIES (9) (March 21-April 19): Christmas festivities should provide an excellent opportunity to straighten out a rather strained relationship within the family circle.

TAURUS (7) (April 20-May 20): A hopeless romance ought to be brought to an end before the parties concerned are seriously hurt.

GEMINI (4) (May 21-June 21): The difficulties of last minute Christmas shopping will make you resolve to choose your gifts in good time next year.

CANCER (12) (June 22-July 21): A person born under Scorpio will prove a very loyal friend indeed, and you should do your best to form a closer bond.

LEO (5) (July 22-August 21): If true love should come to you somewhat late in life, remember that mature romances usually result in singularly happy unions.

VIRGO (6) (August 22-September 22): Don't be surprised if a friend's sudden affluence is not accompanied by a greater show of generosity.

LIBRA (8) (September 23-October 22:) If things seem to be going the wrong way for you, consult a trusted friend and try to analyse the reasons for your lack of success.

SCORPIO (1) (October 23-November 21): By studying people more carefully you will learn to distinguish between those worth cultivating and those with whom friendship cannot possibly develop.

SAGITTARIUS (2) (November 22-December 21): Don't worry about chores neglected over the holidays. There will be plenty of time later to get back to your normal routine.

CAPRICORN (11) (December 22-January 20): By using your time more judiciously you should be able to accomplish a great deal more without increased effort.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Seeing Is Believing

—And Hanid Is Sure She Saw Jack Frost—

By MAX TRELL

"UNCLE Punch," said Hanid, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name, "it's a cold day today, isn't it?"

Uncle Punch, who was sitting in his rocking chair in the golden sunshine at the window, looked at Hanid and smiled.

Warm inside

"It may be cold outside, my dear, but it's snug and warm right here," he said.

Hanid had to admit that it was snug and warm in the sunshine where Uncle Punch was sitting.

"But it is a cold day outside, isn't it?" She repeated.

Uncle Punch gave Hanid a long, thoughtful look.

"What's on your mind, my dear?" he finally asked.

"Oh—nothing," said Hanid.

Mysterious look

But there was something so mysterious, and so mischievous in Hanid's eyes that Uncle Punch said, "You'd better tell me."

"I will," said Hanid, after another moment of hesitation, "only you've got to tell me if I'm right or not. And you mustn't laugh at me if I'm wrong."

"Of course I won't laugh at you, my darling," Mr Punch promised. "I'll be only too glad to tell you if you're right. Now what is it?"

"I think I've seen him," said Hanid.

"Seen him?" asked Mr Punch in a puzzled voice.

"Jack," said Hanid, and the mysterious look came back into her eyes.

All at once, Uncle Punch burst out laughing, then just as suddenly he stopped himself.

"I didn't mean that," he said. "You say you think you saw Jack? You mean Jack Frost, don't you?"

Hanid nodded.

"Quite likely, quite likely," said Mr Punch, "except that it's a bit early for Jack to be showing himself in these parts. It's still the end of autumn, not the beginning of winter."

"I think I've seen him," Hanid told Mr. Punch.

She's sure

"Yes," agreed Hanid, "I know it's only the end of autumn, Uncle Punch, but just a little while ago I'm sure I saw him."

"Where?" asked Uncle Punch.

"In the park," said Hanid, "and at the corner of the street and right on our doorstep."

"I can't believe it," said Mr Punch. "How do you know Jack Frost was in the park?"

"The tips of the grass were white where he walked over it," said Hanid.

"Could be," said Uncle Punch, half to himself. "And how do you know he was on the corner?"

Policeman was cold

"The Policeman stood on the corner, rubbing his ears and saying, br-r-r," replied Hanid.

"Could be," said Mr Punch again. "Could very well be. And how do you know he was on our doorstep?"

"There was a thin bit of ice that looked like Jack's footprint," said Hanid. "And I think I saw him darting around to the back of the house just as I came in."

"Darting around to the back of the house?" asked Uncle Punch. "That would be the bedroom."

"Yes," said Hanid, "it would."

Look at windowpane

"Then go to the bedroom at once," said Uncle Punch, "and look and see if Jack has left a message on the windowpane. Because if he's around in the neighbourhood, he wouldn't miss a chance to leave a message on the windowpane."

So Hanid ran to the bedroom. And when she came back a minute later, she shouted:

"I was right, Uncle Punch! Jack Frost was here! He painted a picture in ice on the windowpane!"

Jack's message

"That's his message, all right," said Uncle Punch. "But you can be sure of one thing, my dear. He isn't in this room. It's much too snug and warm for little old Jack Frost.

"He'll turn the grass white and he'll nip the ears of Policemen and he'll freeze his footprints on the doorstep and he'll leave his messages on windowpanes—but he won't sit in a rocking chair in the sunshine!"

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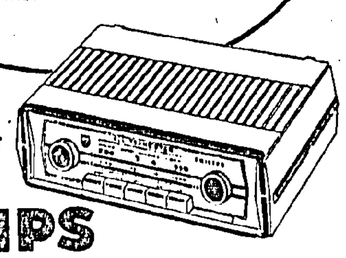

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Knockout blow for Dr Summerskill

HOUSE OF COMMONS REJECTS PROPOSAL TO BAN PRO BOXING

London, Dec. 21.

The House of Commons today knocked out Dr Edith Summerskill's attempt to outlaw professional boxing in Britain.

The 59-year-old British Labourite MP, a violent opponent of boxing and author of the book "The ignoble art" went before Parliament to press her claims for a ban on the sport.

The MPs rejected her idea by 120 votes against 17.

"When I raised this matter 10 years ago," she told Parliament, "the position was such that I could not make myself heard. I believe public opinion is changing.

"One reason is that television has enabled people to see in their own living rooms two men engaged in violent combat.

"Of all major sports, boxing occupies a special position since the aim is to produce injuries — more particularly to the brain. I want to emphasise I am not alone in my attitude. I have the most powerful medical support."

'Living in past'

Amid some laughter from the MPs, she declared: "Of course, a few skilled experts may escape but the ordinary fighter, after about 50 fights in a few years, begins to show unmistakable signs of deterioration."

Lt. Col. W. H. Bromley-Davenport, a Conservative and member of the British Board of Boxing Control, accused Dr Summerskill of "living in the past."

He emphasised that the strictest medical standards were laid down for the granting of boxers' licences.

He said that among nearly 100,000 British boxers during the past 14 years there had been only four fatal accidents and only six serious eye injuries.

He added: "If we follow the thing to its logical conclusion and play for absolute safety we shall end up by playing only dumb crambo (a party game) and tiddlywinks."—AP.

World Junior Tennis Championships get under way

Miami Beach, Dec. 21.

The Orange Bowl World Junior Tennis Championships get under way here today with top young players from Australia, France and West Germany entered for the first time.

Australia sent Rodney Brent and John Newcombe, its second and third ranked juniors, for the tournament which could help shape future Davis Cup teams.

Daniel Contet and Christian Duxin are on hand from France, and Detlev Mitsche and Adolf Kreinberg represent West Germany.

About 250 players from 22 countries were entered.

The Junior Championship matches will run through Dec. 27, and precede the third Annual Orange Bowl Cup international junior team matches. Forty-four of the best players will represent their countries as teams in these matches, which will be played between Dec. 28 and Jan. 1.

The draw for the Cup matches will be held on December 26. Teams consist of two players.

Other entries

The other entries include:

Belgium — Eric Drossart and Claude De Gronckel.

West Indies — Richard Russell and Donald Tate.

Denmark — Throkild Larsen and Jorgen Elsmary.

Holland — Evart Scheider and Jan Coebergh.

Israel—Oded Shay and Edud Degan.

Japan—Koji Watanabe and Misao Tanaka.

Spain—Juan Bisbert and Alberto Esplugas.

Sweden — Oose Holmstrom and Lars Olander.

South Africa—Rodney Mandelstam and Tim Heckler.

United States — William Lenoir and Frank Froehling Jr.—UPI.

UK soccer results

London, Dec. 21.

Results of tonight's British football matches were:

LEAGUE CUP
Fourth round
Tranmere 0, Everton 4.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I
Celtic vs Dundee (postponed).
—Reuter.

CHESS
by LEONARD BARDEN

This brevity from the 1960 Rumanian championship (Negrea v. Cretulescu) forcefully illustrates the dangers of opening up the position when behind in development.

1 P—Q4, Kt—KB3; 2 P—QB4, P—K3; 3 Kt—QB3, B—Kt5; 4 B—Kt5, P—Q4; 5 P—K3, 0—0; 6 P—QR3, B—K2 (waste of a move); 7 Kt—B3, QKt—Q2; 8 R—B1, P—B3; 9 B—Q3, P×P; 10 B×P, P—QKt4; 11 B—Q3, P—Kt5; 12 P×P, B×P; 13 0—0. P—B4? (helping White's attack; better 13 B—Kt2); 14 Kt—R2, Q—Kt3; 15 Kt×B, Q×Kt; 16 P×P, Kt×P; 17 R—B4!, Q—Kt3; 18 B×Kt, P×B; 19 B×P ch!, K×B; 20 Kt—K5!, Resigns. The white queen and rook combine to give mate in a few moves.

Solution No. 5945: 1 Q—Kt3, B—Kt5; 2 Q—B4, or B—Kt3; 2 Q—B3, or R—R6; 2 Q—B6, or K×R; 2 Kt—K6, or Kt (K2) moves; 2 Q—Q5, or Kt (Kt7) moves; 2 Q—K3.

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WHAT IS SUPERMAN?

JAPAN BEAT INDIA AT TABLE TENNIS

New Delhi, Dec. 21.

Japan, who made a clean sweep of Asian championship titles in Bombay on Sunday, outplayed India by four matches to one in an international table tennis match here this evening.

India's only victory was in the doubles encounter when Sudhir Thackersey and Jim Tenei Banerjee defeated T. Jurakami and G. Shibutani in straight sets 21-19, 22-20.

The best match of the evening, however, was between Japan's Ogimura twice winner of the world title and India's Thackersey. Thackersey started superbly and won the first game on extra points at 22-20. Thackersey failed to reproduce his form which he had shown in the beginning and had to bow to Ogimura's superior skill and craft. The remaining three singles matches in a five-match contest played on Corbillion Cup lines were one-sided.—AFP.

Win for Hants

London, Dec. 21.

Hampshire beat Kent by nine points to eight today in a Rugby Union County Championship match.—Reuter.

NEW PEACE MOVES TO AVERT SOCCER STRIKE

London, Dec. 21.

New peace moves were made here today to prevent a strike by England's professional soccer players on January 14.

Representatives of Football League club managers and of the professional footballers hammered out new proposals in their dispute over wages and contracts at a non-stop meeting of over three hours at the Labour Ministry headquarters in London.

These will be placed before the Management Committee of the English Football League on January 8 and before the club chairmen the following day.

Details have not so far been disclosed.—China Mail Special.

NEALE FRASER DEFINITELY PLAYING

Canberra, Dec. 22.

Neale Fraser, the top-ranking amateur tennis player, said here today that he will definitely play for Australia in the challenge round of the Davis Cup between Italy and holder Australia, starting on Boxing Day.

Fraser said that he was feeling "one hundred percent fit," and that he expected victory.

Preparations for the challenge round improved today when the centre court White City Tennis Stadium dried out after a heavy rain.

Teams were to begin practice on Sunday.—AFP.

Springboks score 18th successive rugby win

Cork, Dec. 21.

In a game marked by fierce forward exchanges, the South African Rugby Union team won the 18th game of their tour when they beat Munster here by nine points to three.

Munster led 3-0 at half-time, and clung grimly to their lead.

The Springboks only got on level terms midway through the second half. Then during "injury time" they scored twice, first a magnificent penalty goal by Frik Du Preez, and then in the last movement of the game, an unconverted try.

Noel Murphy scored Munster's try. Hugo Van Zyl and Gainsford got the South African tries.—Reuter.

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COOK BETTER MEALS

WITH GAS

Hockey Festival at Sookunpoo on Tuesday

By NUMPERE

The only hockey over the Christmas holidays will be the annual Hockey Festival to be played at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, December 27, commencing at 10 am.

This tournament is open to all clubs directly affiliated to the Hongkong Hockey Association and apart from all the normal league teams taking part, the Royal Navy have also entered two teams.

In conjunction with the tournament proper, which is on a knock-out basis, there is also a plate competition open to teams who lose their first matches.

Last year's winners in the men's competition were Army 'A'. Army 'B' won the plate, and Gremlins 'A' the Ladies' competition.

I should like to take this opportunity of wishing all those connected with hockey in the Colony, whether players, officials or spectators the compliments of the season.

Rearranged matches

The following rearranged matches have been announced by the Hockey Association:

Saturday, Dec. 31, 1960

Ladies' League

(Rearranged from Nov. 26)

Gremlins 'B' vs Recreio at King's Park 4 pm.

(Rearranged from Nov. 12)

KCC vs Gremlins 'A' at King's Park 2.30 pm.

Monday, Jan. 2, 1961

Ladies' League

(Rearranged from Nov. 12)

St Georges vs Recreio at King's Park 4 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 8, 1961

Holland Cup First Round Replay

Army 'C' vs Recreio 'A' at Sookunpoo 4 pm.

Holland Cup Second Round

Macaensis 'A' vs Prisons at Kings' Park 11.30 am.

IRC 'A' vs KCC 'A' at Sookunpoo 11.30 am.

Recreio 'B' vs KCC 'B' at Recreio 11.30 am.

Army 'A' vs HKHC 'A' at Sookunpoo 2.30 pm.

SECOND DIVISION

Section 'A'

(Rearranged from Jan. 2).

Lions vs Rangers at KGV 11.30 am.

(Rearranged from Jan. 2).

HKHC vs Army 'B' at Happy Valley 2.30 pm.

Section 'B'

IRC vs RAF at Sookunpoo 9.45 am.

Sunday, Jan. 15, 1961

FIRST DIVISION

(Rearranged from Dec. 19).

IRC 'A' vs Recreio 'B' at Sookunpoo 11.30 am.

Interport Trials

All men's matches scheduled for Monday, January 2, are postponed. Instead two Interport Trial matches—one for the Interport 'A' side and the other for the 'B' side—will be played at Sookunpoo starting at 2.00 pm.

Hockey League Tables

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macaensis 'A'	8	6	1	1	23	9	13
Nav Bharat 'A'	9	4	4	1	24	10	12
Recreio 'A'	9	5	1	3	24	12	11
KCC 'A'	9	4	3	2	31	22	11
Army 'A'	7	4	1	2	28	10	9
IRC 'A'	7	3	2	2	19	15	8
Recreio 'B'	8	1	0	7	13	40	2
Macaensis 'B'	9	0	0	9	3	49	0

Second Division

Section 'A'

Prisons	9	9	0	0	35	4	18
Army 'B'	7	6	0	1	46	5	12
Rangers	9	4	1	4	21	19	9
Dennons	8	4	1	3	22	25	9
Nav Bharat 'B'	9	3	1	5	14	14	7
HKHC 'B'	8	1	2	5	7	22	4
Lions	8	1	2	5	9	44	4
Macaensis 'C'	8	1	1	6	7	33	3

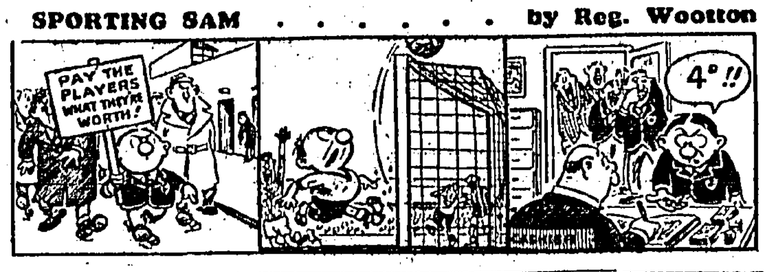
Section 'B'

RAF	7	7	0	0	68	4	14
Army 'C'	7	5	1	1	28	9	11
KCC 'B'	7	4	1	2	23	10	9
HKHC 'A'	7	3	2	2	16	18	8
Dutch HC	7	1	1	5	10	25	3
IRC 'B'	6	1	1	4	12	36	3
Nav Bharat 'C'	7	0	0	7	9	55	0

Ladies' Division

KGV 'A'	9	7	1	1	41	9	15
Recreio	7	7	0	0	31	1	14
Gremlins 'A'	8	6	0	2	45	3	12
KCC	8	5	1	2	34	6	11
Victorians	9	3	1	5	6	28	7
Gremlins 'B'	8	2	0	6	13	38	4
St Georges	5	0	2	3	2	44	2
KGV 'B'	9	0	1	8	2	48	1

SPORTING SAM . . . . . by Reg. Wootton



Overseas athletes to compete in 1961 AAA championships

By ARCHIE QUICK

London.

At last, amateur athletics in Great Britain are to be commercially sponsored. At least, the 1961 Amateur Athletic Association's 1961 Championships at the White City are to receive a gift of £5,000 from the Carborundum Company of Manchester whose Golden Jubilee it is next year.

It is the most decisive step taken by an amateur organisation since we last heard whispers of "broken time" payments and the possibility of a Ministry of Sport.

Neither of those suggestions will ever come to fruition, of course, but the sum of £5,000 is concrete enough, and it will be devoted partially to the furtherance of coaching and mostly to bolstering next summer's Championships with an array of foreign talent.

After the Finland "Games" at Helsinki, Russians and Americans are to meet at Moscow, so they can be ruled out. But the AAA will invite a select band of overseas athletes to compete, paying their expenses from the Carborundum grant. This, it is hoped, will attract a big White City attendance in a season which is usually dead after an Olympic year.

Finances

The AAA finances were shaky six months ago, but the presence of Olympic athletes was a shot in the arm for them, and the position is not quite so desperate now. Nevertheless, the £5,000 windfall is a godsend, and Treasurer Phil Gale hints that there may be further sums in following years from other commercial firms.

Foreign competition can help raise the standard of home athletics as it did in the halcyon days of the early 'twenties. Then the great runners and field athletes came from abroad, and were resisted by our own equally great performers, especially a phalanx of them from the Universities.

That era can be revived by another foreign invasion. Yet there is a feeling of unrest in certain quarters that the Championships will be monopolised by visitors to the detriment of home runners. So much so that it is intended to award the first home runner in each event a special plaque irrespective of where he finishes. The incentive here is to finish in the first three and get two prizes!

'Home' competition

Once upon a time there used to be "Home" Championships and I know that it is the wish of progressive Mr Gale to resuscitate these and stage them in the Provinces so as to extend interest.

Nothing but good, however, can come from inviting a limited number of foreigners to the White City Championships next summer, although I understand there is a division of opinion at top level at the acceptance of outside money to sponsor them.
—Banews Service.

Patterson likely to defend title next March-April

Gothenburg, Dec. 21.

Floyd Patterson is expected to defend his world heavyweight boxing title against former champion, Ingemar Johansson, between March 14 and April 3 next year.

American promoter Bill Fugazy, who discussed plans with Johansson here today, said they had agreed that a return match should preferably be held during this period.

No decision was taken on the venue, but Miami and Los Angeles are being considered.

Before leaving for New York, Fugazy said he was convinced the match would be made and that all details would be settled within two or three weeks.—Reuter.

HELD UP

Owing to lack of space we regret that it has not been possible to start today the China Mails' new sports series entitled "KO Punch". This will commence instead next Thursday.

Club, Police in important Hexangular Rugby match tonight

By "PROP"

At the Club Stadium this evening the Club take on the Police in the Hexangular Rugby Tournament.

This match is important for both sides. Club have an unbeaten record in the Tournament to date, Police have lost one game. If Club can maintain their winning way they will have a very strong position in the Tournament table whilst Police need the points from this game in order to maintain their challenge.

Club will be at almost full-strength. Johnston appears in the centre in place of the injured McTavish and Watson takes over from D'Eath who is also injured. Pile makes an appearance at wing-forward, the result of consistently hard performances for the Dragons.

DELAYED SELECTION

The Police have delayed selection of their side until the very last moment and hope to field a full-strength "fifteen."

Club should be able to win this game, which is the third meeting of these old rivals so far this season, especially as they have won the other two games and have a psychological advantage.

The Club team is:

Digby-Bennett, Kelly, Moore, Johnston, Watson, Wilson, Scruby, Williams, Dwyer, Bedford, Ross, A.D.C. Smith, Berreclough, Hall, Pile.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis

SCAA Open Tournament at King's Park, 2.30 pm.

Rugby

Dragons v HMS Caprice at Club Stadium, pm.

Club v Police at Club Stadium, 7.15 pm.

Horse Racing

Auction of race horse "Good Condition", RHKJC Paddock, 5.30 pm.

TOMORROW

Boxing

Land Forces boxing finals at Sek Kong, 8 pm.

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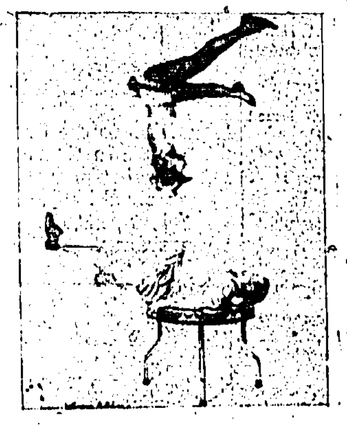

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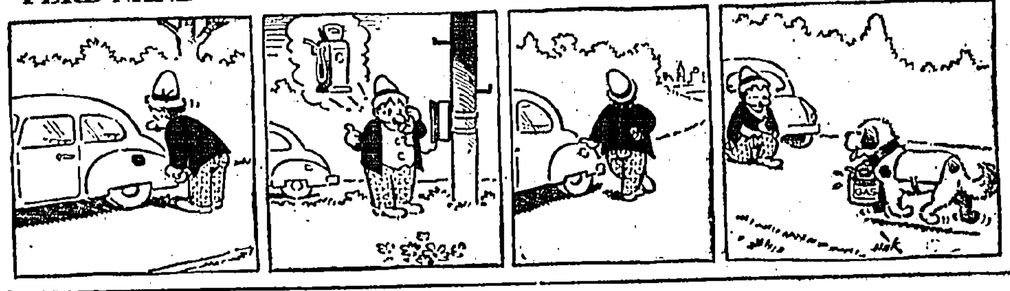

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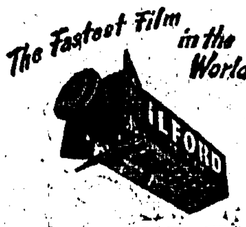

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Resettlement area fun fair

Over 1,200 resettlement children enjoyed the fun of the fair at Tai Hang Tung, Block C, this morning.

Youngsters of the Boys and Girls Clubs Association and its affiliated clubs are each issued with free vouchers for store, side shows, and refreshment booths.

They took full advantage of all enjoyment facilities organised by the Club leaders.

Mr Paul Wong, Chairman, and Mr Lee Chi-yui, Secretary, of the area, BGCA, supervised the Christmas fun fair activities.

Residents raise protest against funeral parlour

A petition to the Governor jointly signed by 2,667 people in North Point against the plan for a private funeral parlour in Finnie-street was received by the North Point Kaifong Welfare Advancement Association yesterday for forwarding.

This is the third time that the public have taken collective action to express their strong objection to the proposed siting of the funeral house in their district.

The first time, the residents addressed the letter to the Kaifong Association President.

The second time, over 2,000 people signed a joint petition to the Urban Council.

Dr C. L. Siou, Director of General Affairs of the Kaifong Association, said that of the 100,000 residents in North Point, 99.9 per cent objected strongly to the funeral parlour under planning.

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Took money by false pretences

Yip Kai, a 31-year-old factory worker, living at 19 Sai Cha Wan, Chaikwoling, was sentenced to six months imprisonment by Mr A. Garcia at South Kowloon Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to seven counts of obtaining money by false pretences.

Sub-Inspector Alexander Law said that between July 9 and August 25 this year, the defendant obtained money from Ng Sum who was told that a post of painter at the Kai Tak airport could be obtained for his son, Ng Luen.

The defendant had on several occasions taken money from Ng Sum totalling $400.

Presentation

Eighty-two members of the Urban Services Department beach staff received First Aid Certificates from Mr A. de O. Sales, Chairman of the Urban Amenities Select Committee of the Urban Council, in a brief ceremony at 9.30 this morning. The presentation was held at the end of the Select Committee meeting in the Urban Council Chamber, Central Government Offices. The ceremony was attended by members of the Committee.

Photo shows Mr Sales (right) presenting a certificate to Mr Chan Pik-cheong—China Mail Photo.

Prisoner slashed informer

A prisoner who fooled warders by switching jackets so that he could slash an informer was jailed for an additional three years at Victoria District Court today.

Lam Chung, 25, serving a sentence in Stanley Prison for possessing heroin, was sentenced by Judge W. F. Pickering for slashing another prisoner, Cheung Wah-chuk, twice on the face and once on the right hand with a razor.

Chief Inspector C. L. Smith, prosecuting, said that on November 29 Lam slipped from his own working squad into Cheung's squad by swopping jackets with another prisoner.

SCARS

He attacked Cheung from behind, covered his eyes with one hand and slashed with the other.

A prison warder heard a cry of "Save life" and later saw Lam toss a razor blade onto the ground.

Cheung, whom Lam believed to be an informer, sustained permanent scars as a result of the slashing said Inspector Smith.

DSI M. H. Groome assisted with the prosecution.

Donations

The Hongkong Council of Social Service acknowledges donations of $50 from Mr Hector Forsyth and $100 from Mr and Mrs R. E. Skelson in lieu of Christmas cards.

Russia hopes for better relations with U.S.

United Nations, Dec. 21. The Soviet Union hopes for improved relations with the new administration of Senator John Kennedy, the Soviet chief UN delegate said today.

Mr Valerian Zorin, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, summed up the General Assembly session at a news conference with renewed attacks on the United States. But he said in answer to a question:

"We would like to hope that the new U.S. administration will take a more positive position on international relations. We would also like to hope that the new U.S. delegation leader, Mr (Adlai) Stevenson, will display good will and co-operation of these questions. We are ready for such co-operation."—AP.

ABOVE: Hard at work on "Operation Santa Claus" at Radio Hongkong are (l-r) Bill Dorward, Mark Broiles and Pamela Johnston.

Conditionally discharged

SALESMAN WILL RETURN MONEY EMBEZZLED

A 25-year-old salesman on ten charges of embezzlement was conditionally discharged by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

However, Lo Chi-keung, of 74 To Kwa Wan-road, fifth floor, was ordered by the magistrate to sign a bond of $500 for a year on his own recognisance, and to make restitutions to the complainant.

Lo this morning reversed his plea to one of guilty through Mr Reginald K. H. Seu, of Seu and Lam. Lo had pleaded not guilty to charges alleging that between March 18 and August 13 this year he embezzled a total of $1,144.50 from the International Building Supplies Co. at 436-38 King's-road, ground floor.

Detective Sub-Inspector H. V. Brown told the court that during his employment at the International Building Supplies Company, it was defendant's duty to collect money from various customers in Kowloon for purchase of building materials.

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However, Insp. Brown said, "defendant disappeared from his office on September 5 and it was found he had been collecting money from customers without returning the money to the company."

On September 9, Insp. Brown said, defendant turned up at the office and confessed to his employer that he had been spending the company's money. He further promised to repay his employer by instalments.

But, after paying the first instalment on October 22, Insp Brown continued, defendant made no further attempts to pay his employer. Defendant was arrested on December 4.

Before Judgment, Mr Seu said defendant was willing to use his bail of $750 as the first instalment in his efforts to repay his employer. Mr Seu said the rest of the $1,144.50 would be paid by four monthly instalments.

Cruelty to animal

Yeung Kai-shing, the proprietor of Kung Lee Poultry Lan, Iaan site 7 Smithfield-road, Kennedy Town, appeared before Mr Derek Cons at Central Court this morning on a charge of cruelty to animal, a barking deer. He pleaded not guilty through his solicitor Mr Walter Hon of Hon & Co.

The case was remanded to January 11, next year. The defendant was on a bail of $700.

3 months jail for cruelty to a child

A 30-year-old woman was sentenced to three months jail by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning for ill-treating a child.

Defendant Chung Lai, of 11 McGregor-street, first floor, pleaded guilty to a charge of cruelty to a child.

Earlier, Dr P. H. Chan had told Mr Yang that he found new and old bruises on the child's face and limbs and that "it was the worst case he had ever seen."

From the Files 25 years AGO

December 1935

AN accident which befell Mrs Shaw, wife of Dr Shaw, in Barker-road on Saturday, when she was thrown to the ground and received severe bruises and shock, when the puller of a rickshaw in which she was riding slipped and fell, had a Police Court sequel before Mr S. F. Balfour, yesterday, when Ng Ching, 22, puller of public rickshaw No. 6, was charged with driving without due care and caution.

Sergeant Hill said it was a rule in The Peak that there should be two men for each rickshaw, and in this case defendant was alone.

Mr S. F. Balfour decided that the charge should be amended to one of driving a rickshaw without an assistant, and defendant was fined $4 on this charge. He was also fined $1 on another charge of driving a rickshaw without a licence.

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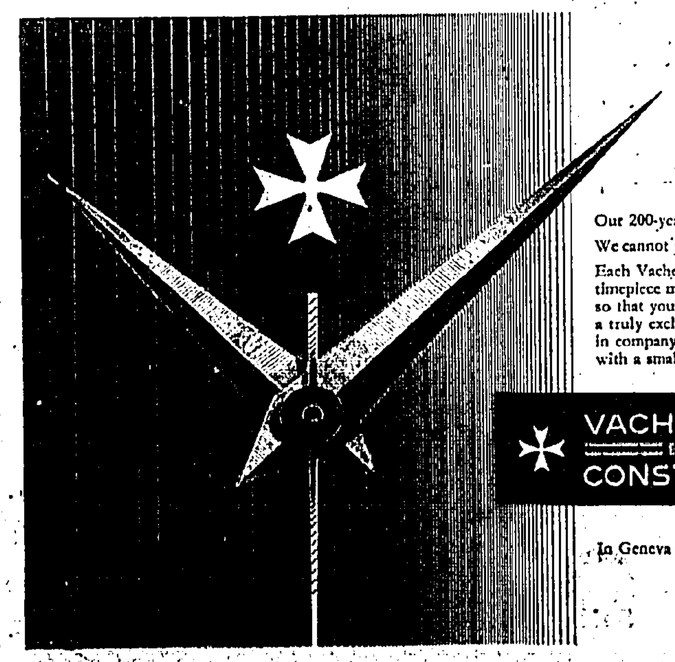

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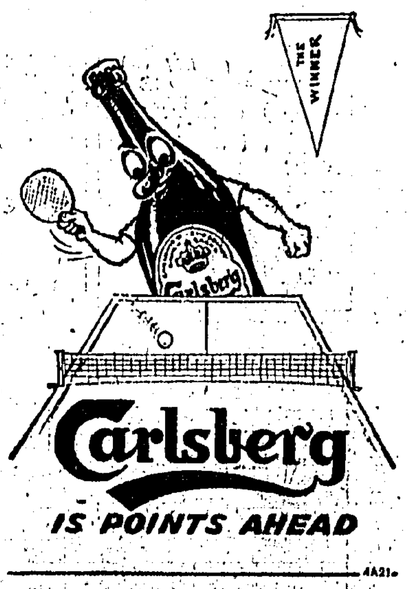

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